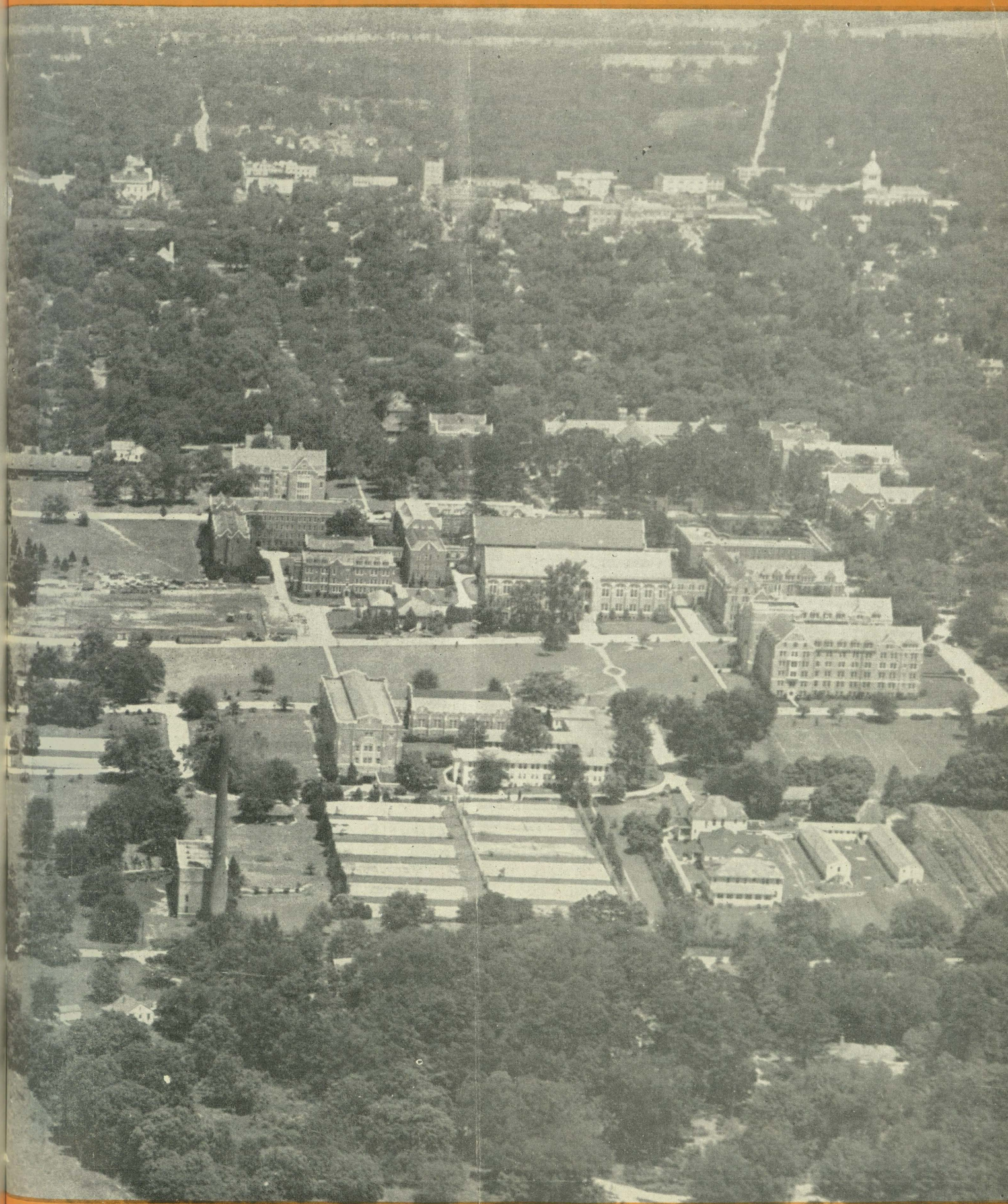


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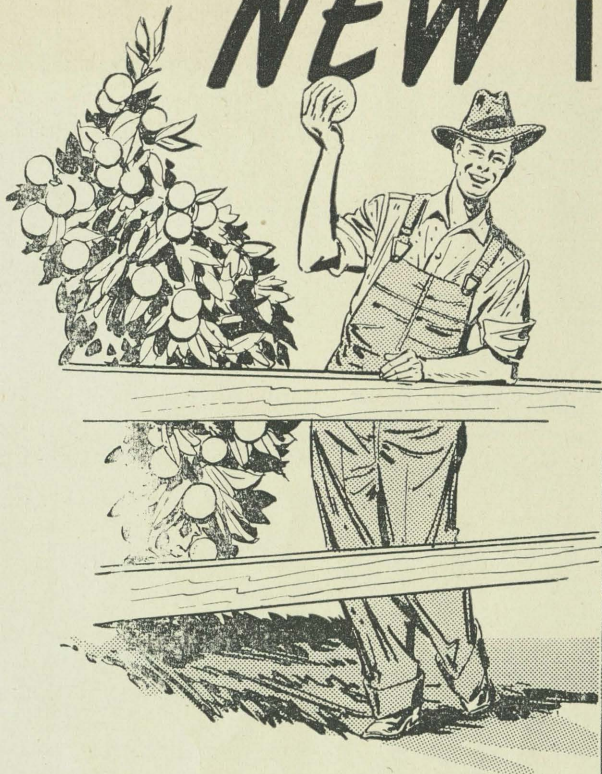
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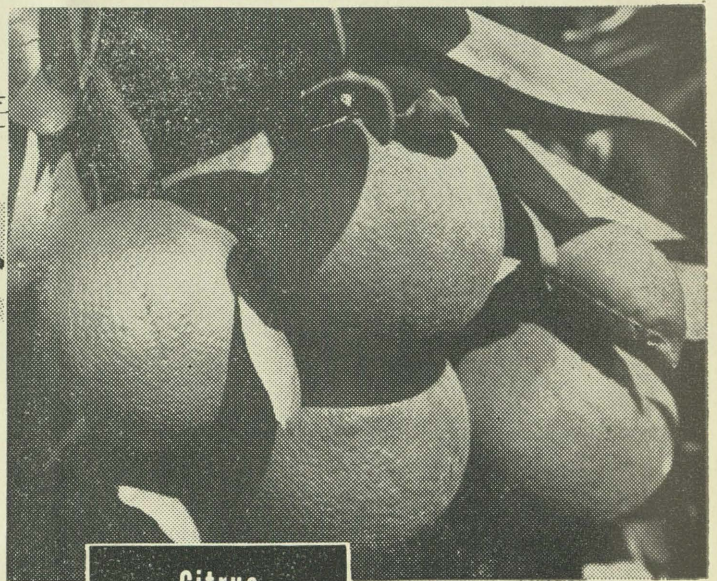
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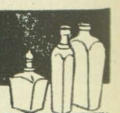
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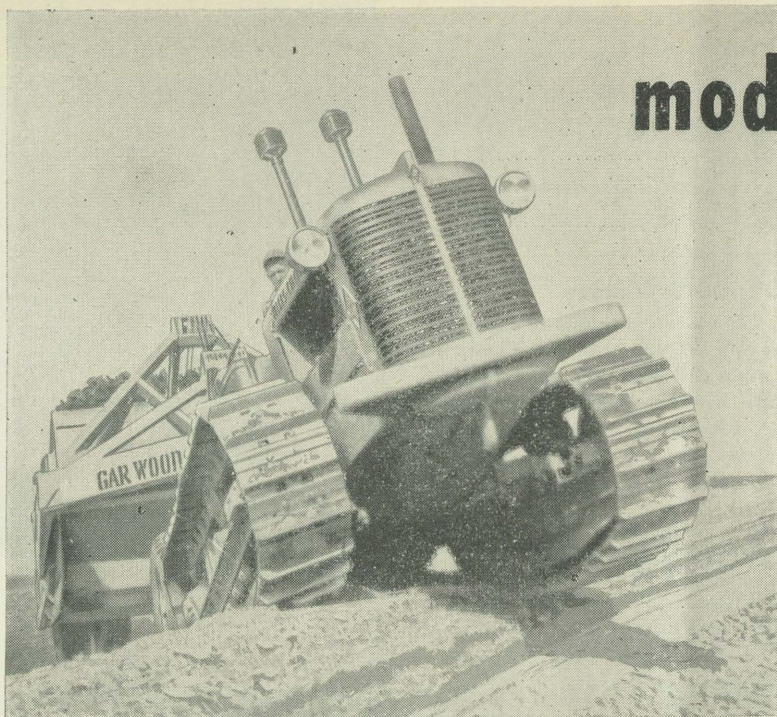
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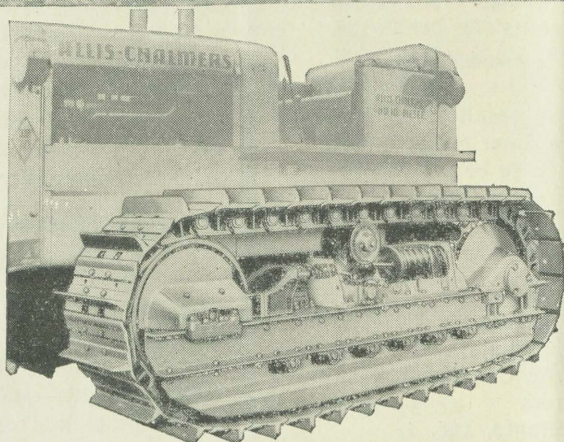
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EDITORIALS

NEED IS ACUTE FOR STATE BUILDINGS

No one in his right mind—and with the facts before him—questions the wisdom of construction and repairs at the State custodial institutions. The need is no less acute for construction to meet the demands for facilities at the University, colleges and State Capital.

The custodial institutions have old, outmoded, rotting buildings. Patients have been forced to sleep in beds packed tightly together at sides and ends. Toilet facilities have been inadequate and in bad condition. In some cases roofs leaked, plaster peeled and cracked off. These intolerable conditions are being remedied. Buildings are being repaired and reconditioned; new buildings are going up; additions have been made to existing buildings. The work is well under way at all State institutions, except the prison, and work cannot be started there until legal and policy questions have been settled. There has been general approval throughout the State of this program as it affects the institutions.

The need has become more acute each year for additional facilities at the University and colleges. Due to the heavy enrollment of veterans, the University of Florida faces a critical shortage, not only for housing but also of instructional space. The University was designed for about 3,000 students and there are more than 8,000 applications on file. About 1,000 veterans with children seek apartment space and the facilities under construction will take care of little more than half that number—much fewer than half at the opening of the fall term. The College for Women, School for the Deaf and Blind and A & M College are also overcrowded.

Meanwhile the State departments at the Capital have been overcrowded for years and are now losing efficiency because of lack of working space. There is less general understanding of the need for office space at the Capital but those who have first hand and accurate information know that the need is great and pressing.

At the Capital are the Capitol building, the Martin Office Building, the Nathan Mayo (Department of Agriculture) building, the old Supreme Court building and the City Administration Building.

The Capitol Building was begun in 1840. It was enlarged in 1901 and again in 1927. A large North wing was added in 1939 containing the new House chamber and committee rooms and offices for the Comptroller, Attorney General and State Treasurer. It has always been the practice to open some of the committee rooms to smaller State departments, such as the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, between sessions, moving them out during meetings of the Legislature. As the State has grown, records have accumulated and it has been necessary to increase personnel in all of the departments headed by elective officers—the Governor and Cabinet—and located in the Capitol building. In 1935 the Nathan Mayo building was erected to take care of the Inspection Bureau, the Prison Bureau and the offices and laboratory of the State Chemist, thus relieving the Capitol of some strain and permitting the condemnation of the former

old chemistry building which used to be located on the Capitol square.

The Martin office building was erected in 1925. In it are crowded the State Road Department, the Motor Vehicle Department and the Department of Public Safety. The Road Department also uses some reconverted wooden barracks located on the back of the lot; this Department, directs and provides the accounting and engineering of a highway and bridge maintenance and construction program which is set up on the basis of an expenditure this year of \$40,000,000. The Motor Vehicle Department handles accounts and keeps cross-index files on every motor vehicle in the State with records of title and other information of great value to owners, buyers, dealers, law enforcement officers and finance companies. So crowded is the Motor Vehicle Department that the commissioner reported to the governor that, although additional personnel is needed, the saturation point has been reached on space and efficiency is no longer increased by adding new workers to a staff now overflowing into the corridors. Tucked away in part of the basement is the State Department of Public Safety which directs the State Highway Patrol.

The old supreme court building was put up in 1911. It also houses the State Railroad Commission. The court has been increased in size by additional judges and in work load by the growth of the State and consequent increase in litigation. Law library space has long been inadequate and there are shortages of room for the clerk, secretaries and justices.

The only other building in the Capitol Center is the City Administration building which was erected by the City of Tallahassee primarily to provide space for the Florida Industrial Commission, which was then located in an obsolete and abandoned school house. The Industrial Commission includes Workman's Compensation, financed by fees paid by the insurance companies writing that form of insurance, and the Unemployment Compensation Division, financed by funds allocated to the agency by the federal government. On November 16, the Commission will take over the Employment Service, now housed in an old residence. The agency also handles veterans' claims. Full use is made of labor-saving electrical machinery, which eliminates the need for hundreds of employees, but all departments are overcrowded. In the same building are the State Hotel Commission, the offices of the State Auditor, the State Improvement Commission and several other agencies including the State Beverage Department, which collects many millions of dollars and directs enforcement throughout the State of laws affecting the sale of alcoholic beverages and cigarets.

When the South wing is completed the Capitol will have cost the State since 1840 about \$1,000,000—about the same amount that at least two counties are now planning to expend on new court houses. The old supreme court building cost \$100,000 and the Martin building, \$300,000. The Nathan Mayo building was financed, with WPA grant assistance, from (Continued on page 38)



State Construction...

GOVERNOR CALDWELL'S REPORT TO STATE AUGUST 13, 1946

In this report I shall discuss with you, the citizens of Florida, the bottlenecks we have been encountering in State improvement plans and how we, your State officials, have undertaken to break them. These bottlenecks are of the familiar types, encountered during the war and now being encountered by private citizens, and the unfamiliar types, peculiar to State operations. In the first category are shortages of manpower and materials; in the second, legal problems.

In respect to both types of obstacles, two courses were open and the State had a choice. We could have used the bottlenecks as an excuse for inaction or we could have pushed right ahead breaking each one as we came to it. We have been following the second and, I believe, the wiser course.

Florida's public plant is not in good condition. This applies to our highways and bridges, to our University and colleges, to our custodial institutions and to our office facilities. Each of these facilities needs attention and each is getting attention because the people of Florida want and are entitled to good service in all departments.

Highways and Bridges

Our highway building program, necessarily retarded during the war, is still lagging behind the goal we set up because materials are scarce and often unobtainable, because there is a shortage of skilled personnel for essential engineering, drafting and planning, because there is not enough office working space for the activities. To meet material shortages work is being planned which can be done with the materials that are obtainable. Planning is being pushed. Some space has been made available by moving and using some old wooden barracks on the lot behind the Road

Department building. There are still problems and difficulties. One of them will be solved when the Department provides adequate space and facilities to get its work done more efficiently. Other problems are being tackled realistically and with energy. We are building and repairing roads and bridges as fast as is possible under the circumstances.

University and Colleges

The job of providing for the students who wish to enroll at the University and colleges is difficult principally because of its size. An acute problem arises from the desire of a large number of veterans to bring their wives and children with them when they enroll at the University. These veterans are entitled to our best efforts and they are getting just that. To help meet their needs the usual policy of prohibiting children in apartments is being reversed: The first priority on veteran apartments installed at the University goes to married veterans with children. There are now on the campus of the University 100 apartment units occupied by married veterans with children. Construction will be completed before the Fall term opens on 76 more units. Ground has been broken for the construction of 448 additional units, recently allocated to the University by the FPHA. There are 850 applications in for such apartments and by Fall the number may well exceed

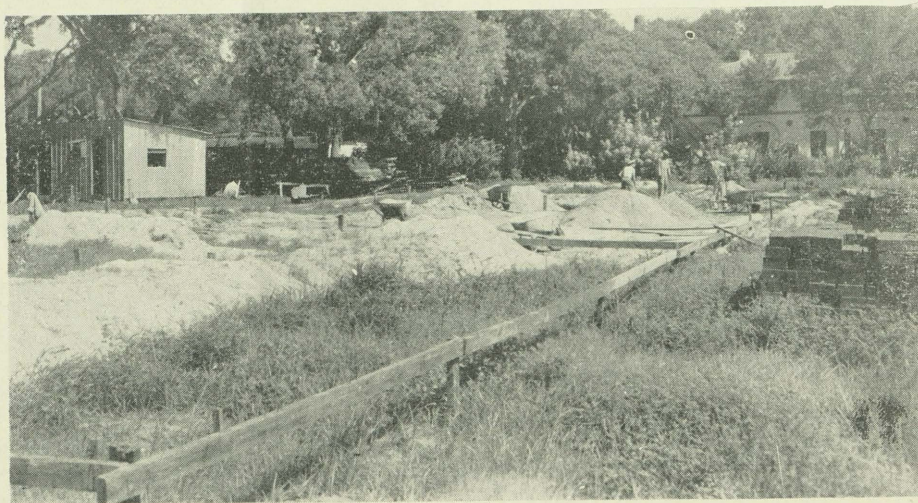
1,000. In all, 7,224 Florida residents seek entrance to the University.

Housing is not the only problem in connection with providing for the college training of a student body swollen by veteran students. Education has not been made available when a place has been found for the student to sleep; instruction must be given and it cannot be given in the open fields. To meet acute needs, the State has allocated from the Building Fund \$2,469,375 to construction at the University. This is more than 30 per cent of total building allocations from State tax funds and places the University ahead of all other institutions in construction fund allocations.

Acute housing shortages have been encountered at the other colleges and the desperate needs are being met. Temporary shelter has been provided at the State College for Women for an overflow of students by reconditioning several wooden structures obtained from the Army. This college has had an allocation of State building funds of \$1,177,000. The A & M College has allocations from the State of \$672,000 and a total of \$1,472,000. Facilities for married veterans are also being provided at that college. The allocation for the School for the Deaf and Blind is \$345,000.

Mental Hospital

Care for the mentally ill, given first priority, is being improved under a program of repair and construction and the relief of congestion



Breaking ground for construction at the School for the Deaf and Blind, St. Augustine.

Opposite page, reconditioning at Florida Farm Colony, Gainesville. Left to right from top, workmen repairing walls; reconditioning of room used by girl inmates; new room being added sanitary facilities; strengthening of structure and refinishing walls; old replaced toilet facility and modern installations which have been completed.

through provision of outside facilities. Work is now under way at the State Hospital on reconditioning of three ward buildings, construction of additions to present buildings and a new sewage disposal plant. Total allocations to the State Hospital have run to \$1,533,816.

The State has also taken all the necessary steps for the acquisition of Dorr Field near Arcadia and is now awaiting final clearance from federal authorities before opening that facility to inmates from Chattahoochee. Of the 38 buildings, 17 are of concrete block and stucco, with concrete foundations and floors.

Brick Yard

Another kind of bottleneck encountered in the plans for construction at the State Hospital and other custodial institutions has been the shortage of brick. We are breaking that bottleneck by taking over a brickyard which we found at Chattahoochee. In taking this step we are not going into competition with anyone because no one now has brick for immediate sale. The manufacturers cannot assure us of any reasonable delivery date on brick so we will make them ourselves. We expect to save some money on the deal and keep the money we do spend in Florida but those are incidental benefits and when there is no longer any necessity for it the State expects to sell the plant.

With the availability of this material, work will be pushed on a new hospital and infirmary, two new ward buildings and several other projects at the State Hospital. Together with the added facilities we expect to have available at Dorr Field, this should go a long way towards improving conditions under which we are maintaining the mentally ill.

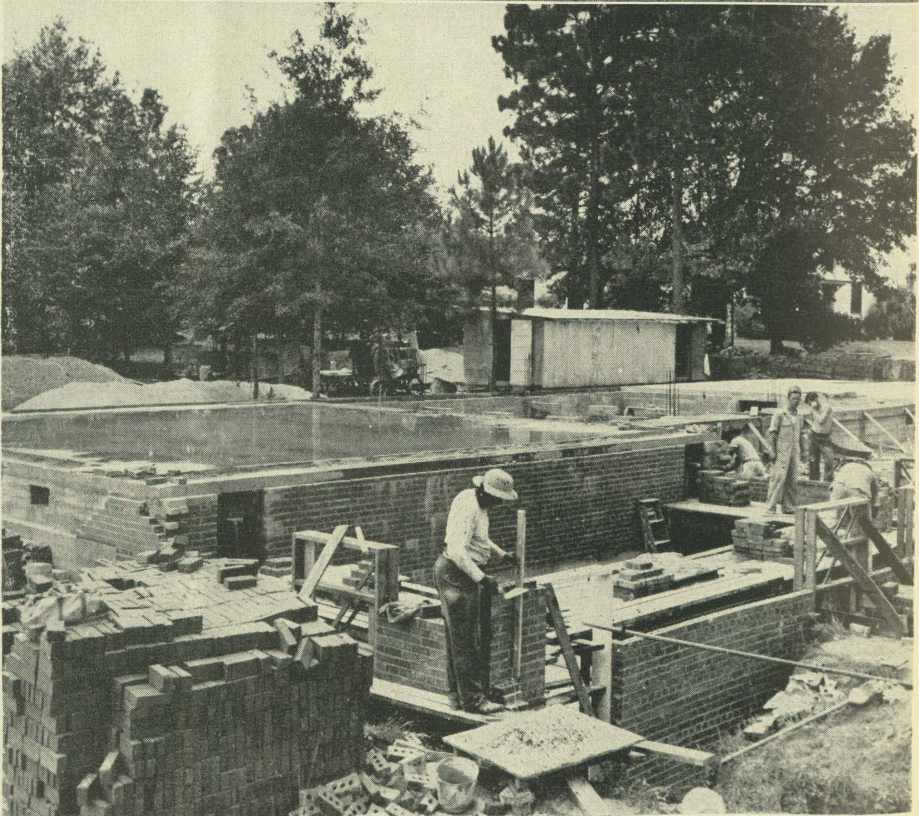
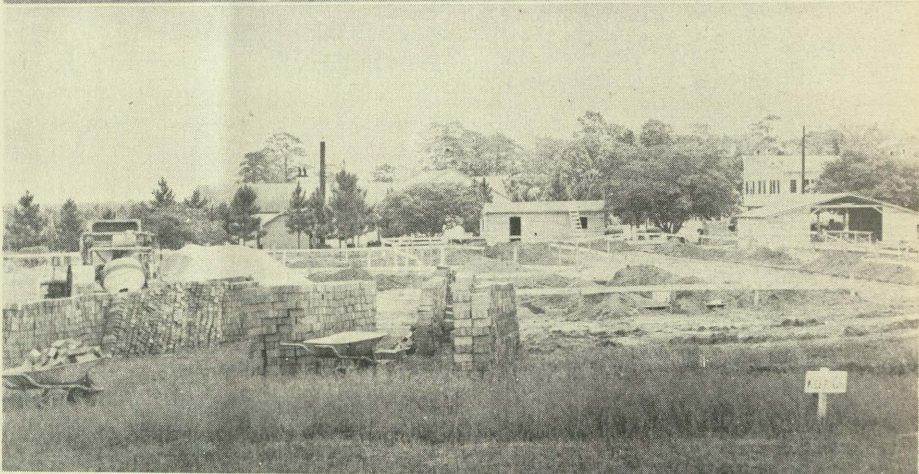
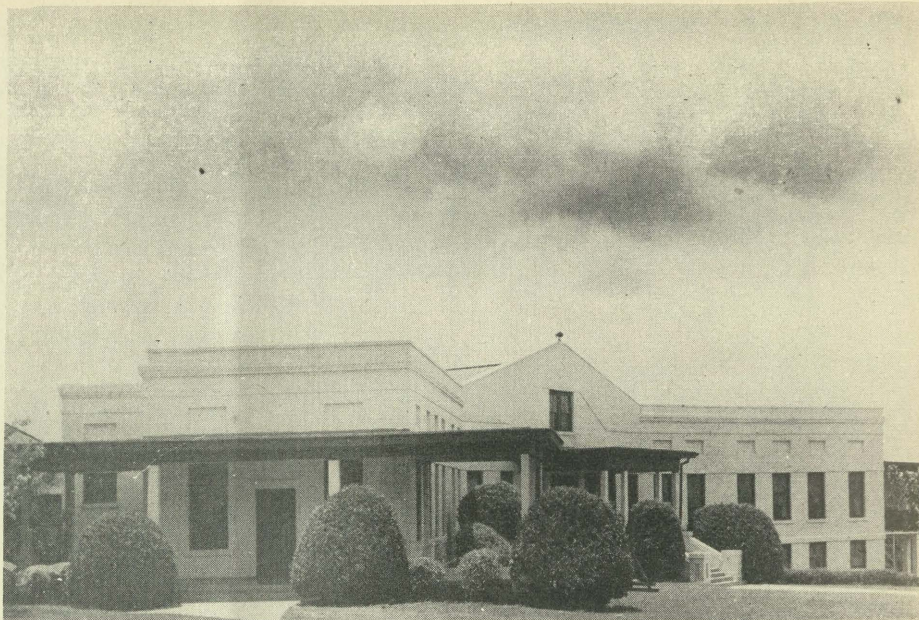
School for Boys

At the Industrial School for Boys, hospital reconditioning has been completed and a dormitory and a school building for negro boys are under construction. Total allocations run to \$181,858.

Farm Colony

The Florida Farm Colony has had allocations of \$125,953 and work has

Program of repair and construction at Industrial School for Boys, Marianna. From top, reconditioned Infirmary; construction started on new school and new dormitory for colored boys; foundation of new dormitory for white boys.



been completed on a sewage disposal plant and new floors in the school building. Reconditioning of buildings is well along at a cost of more than \$100,000.

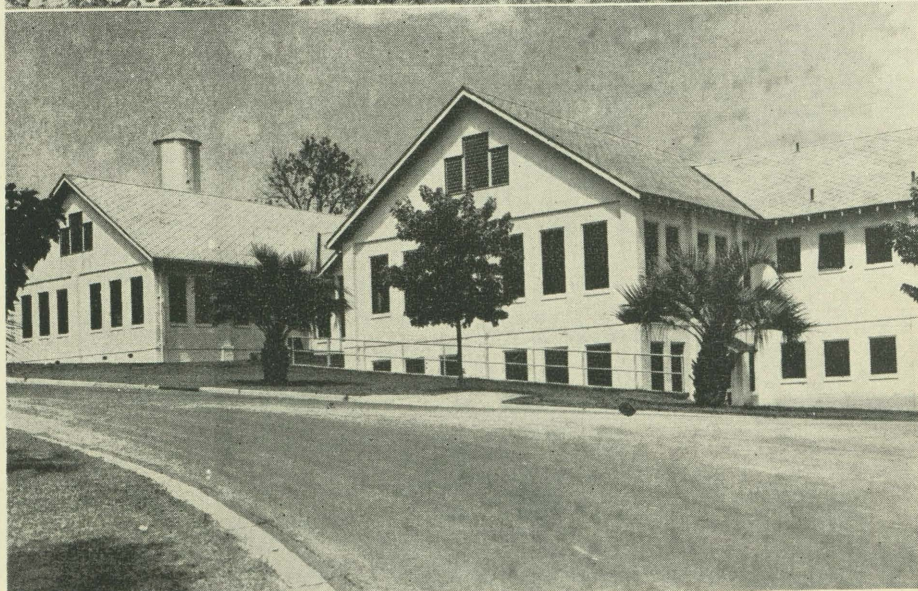
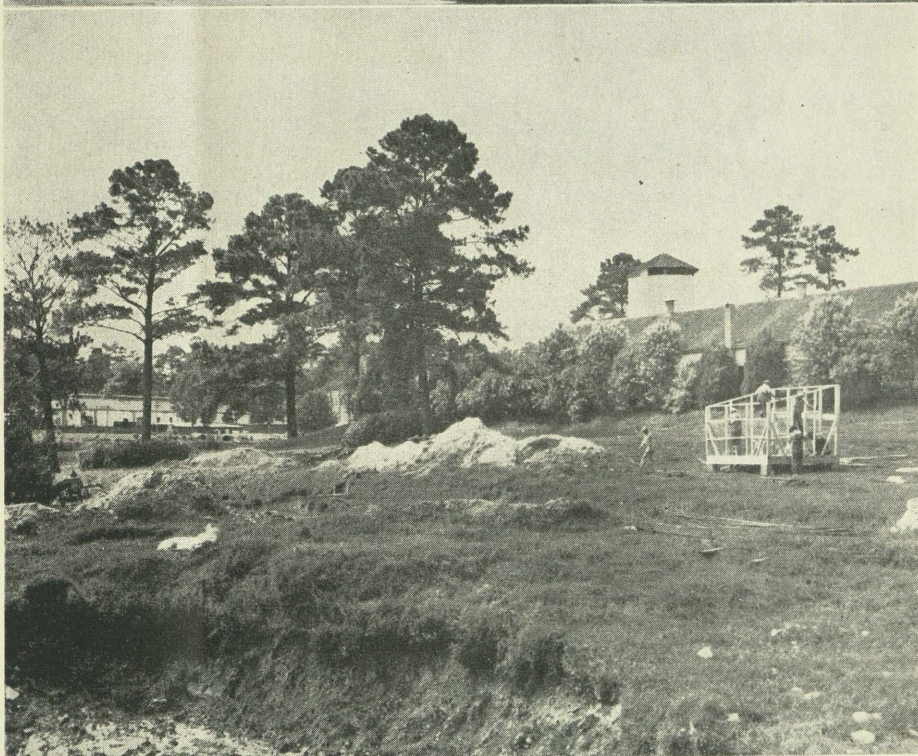
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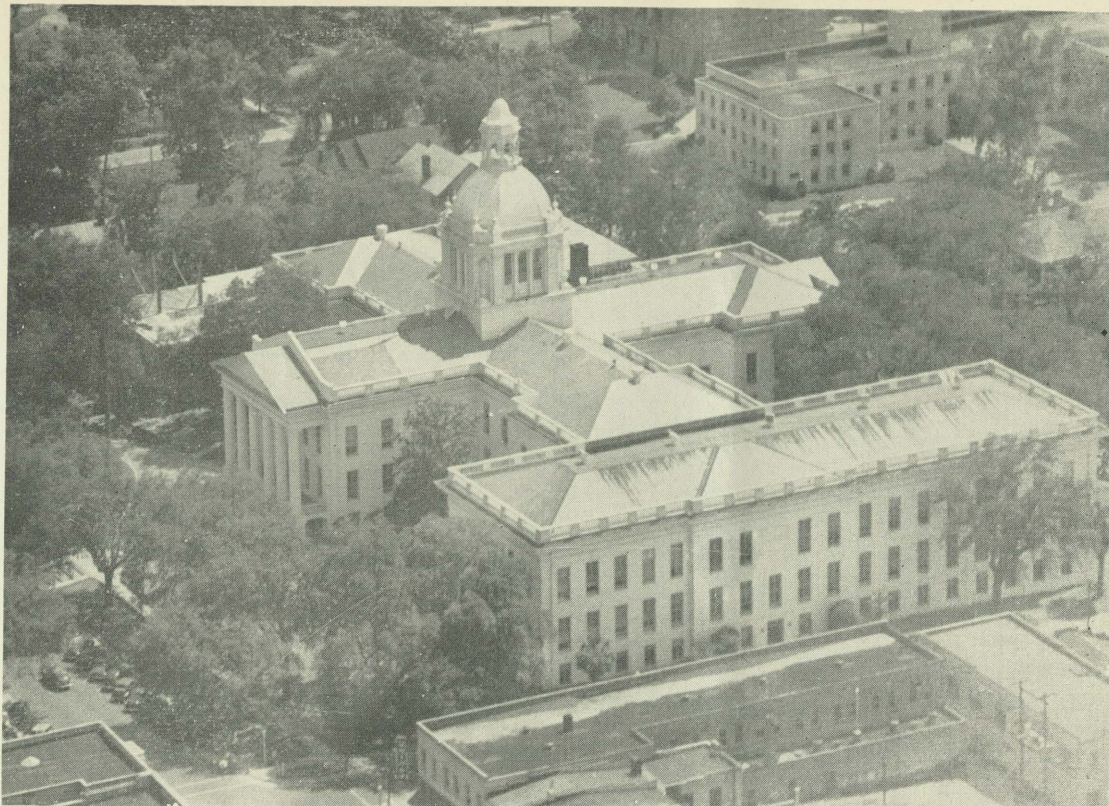
Construction at the Industrial School for Girls is being postponed pending decision on the total problem of providing for adult and minor females under sentence. This question is tied in with the question of construction at the State Prison Farm at Raiford. Obviously, whatever construction is done should be planned with the long-range objective in view. The first step was to get a survey of Florida's prison system and an outline of the needs by officers of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. State officials are now studying that report and have held several conferences on the subject. The Attorney General has questioned the legality of a plan to erect one institution for both adult and minor females, to be operated under one outstanding superintendent and using the same utilities, but separated otherwise into four facilities for adult and minor and white and colored inmates. No construction can be authorized until the legal questions are finally settled. We are impatient of unnecessary delay and we are making progress but we are careful not to start the construction of buildings until we determine where they should be placed to most effectively serve the State as well-fitting parts of a complete long-range plan.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria

The wisdom of thoughtful progress has been illustrated in connection with plans to provide more facilities for tubercular patients. The Legislature passed a bill giving first priority to construction of four new hospitals at a cost of \$2,500,000. I felt it my duty to veto that bill because it would have forced us to act even though circumstances might direct a sounder course. We now find that we have obtained from the federal government former military installations which can be put to the purpose at little or no cost for acquisition and

Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, construction and repair program. From top, two-story addition under construction for enlarged and modernized bath and toilet facilities in confinement ward; ground broken for new sewage disposal plant; completely reconditioned ward for aged inmates.





In this view of the Capitol, looking south, the new south wing is shown under construction on the far side. Beyond is the City Administration building, built by the City of Tallahassee to relieve congestion in State offices and to be turned over to the State free of cost when the construction price has been liquidated. In the foreground can be seen some of the stores and offices which may be purchased by the city and held for rental until the cost has been liquidated, when the land will be turned over to the State for enlargement of the Capitol Center on the north side.

at relatively small cost for adaptation. Meanwhile it has developed that many beds at the State hospital at Orlando have remained empty because it has not been possible to staff the Hospital with sufficient personnel to take care of the patients for whom facilities are already available. It would have been unwise to put four new tuberculosis

hospitals ahead of badly needed institutional facilities.

Board of Health

Dire need for improved facilities for the State Board of Health is being partially met by provision for temporary office and storage space at Jacksonville and repairs to the Tampa laboratory.

Aids to Agriculture

Meanwhile we have not overlooked the importance of agriculture to the economy of the State and the need for experimental work and marketing facilities. Allocations have been made of \$274,000 for experiment stations in connection with such vital work as improving methods of dealing with

In this view of the Capitol, looking north, the type of obsolete residences now on the land sought for the new Industrial Commission building is shown in the foreground. The Industrial Commission building will be a self-liquidating project, financed from rentals which are derived largely from federal sources. At lower left are shown the old supreme court building and the City Administration Building, built by the City of Tallahassee and now housing several State agencies.



poultry diseases, citrus by-products, fibres, vegetable processing, and dairying carried on at Homestead, Belle Glade, Bradenton, and Gainesville. Work is completed at a cost of \$106,872 on Farm Markets at Ft. Myers, Ft. Pierce, Live Oak, Plant City, Sanford, Florida City and Bonifay. Livestock Pavilion projects at Orlando, Ocala, Belle Glade, Quincy and Bartow have been allocated \$40,000 each, a total of \$200,000.

State Capital

Although we have stressed the building projects at the institutions and elsewhere in the State, we have not entirely neglected the dire need for better facilities at the State capital. The only project under way is the South Wing of the Capitol for which two Legislatures made appropriations. This will cost about \$500,-

000 or about 8 per cent of the funds so far allocated to State construction.

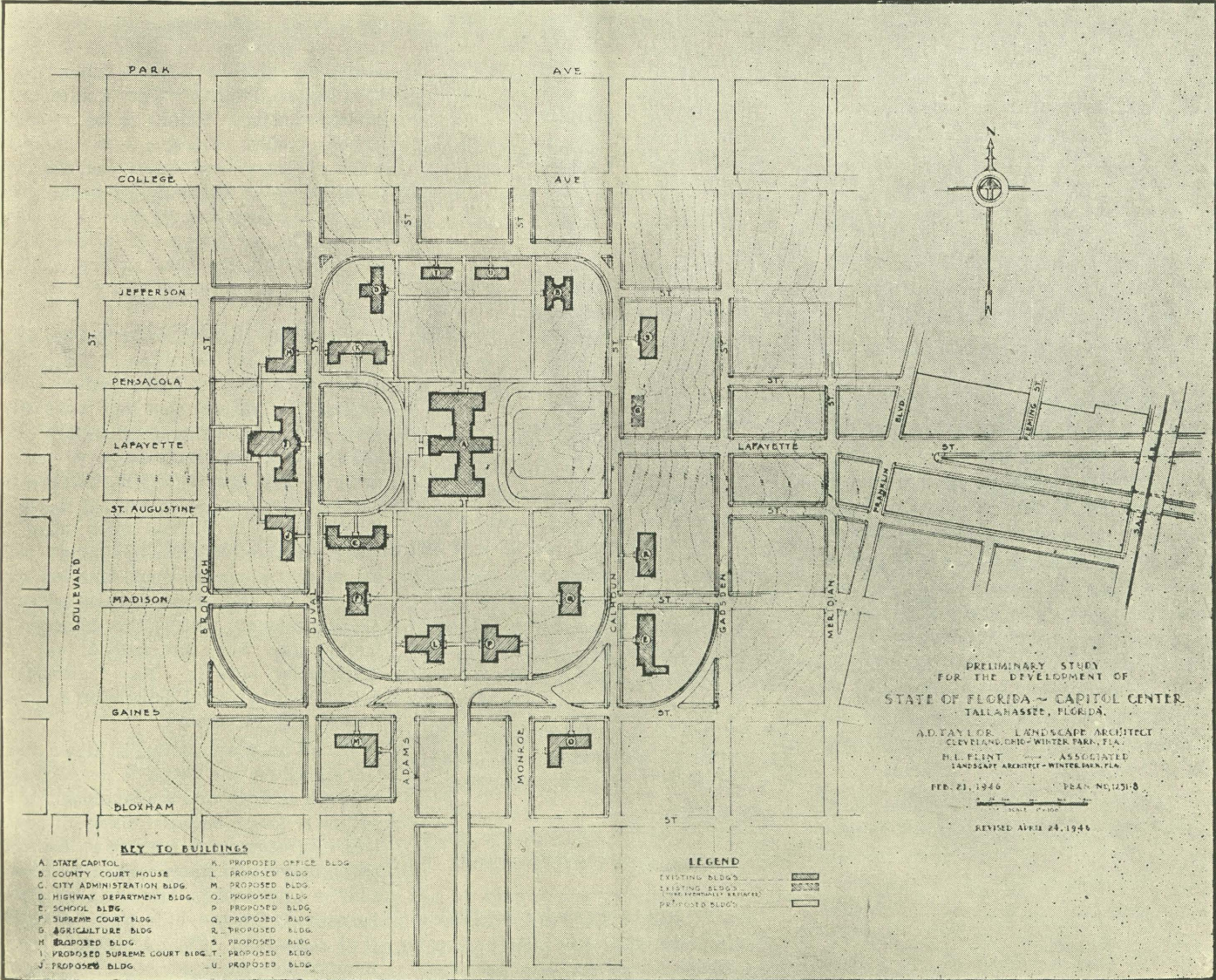
Supreme Court

Another project which has been hanging fire for a long time is the construction of a new Supreme Court building to replace the old structure put up in 1912 during the administration of Governor Gilchrist. The need was first recognized by the Legislature back in 1941 and was confirmed by the Legislature of 1945. The Supreme Court Building Commission, consisting of the Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Chief Justice and three citizens, has been working on plans for the new building for years. The chief bottleneck is now acquisition of land suitably located. Prices quoted by property owners are considered out of line and steps will probably be taken to ob-

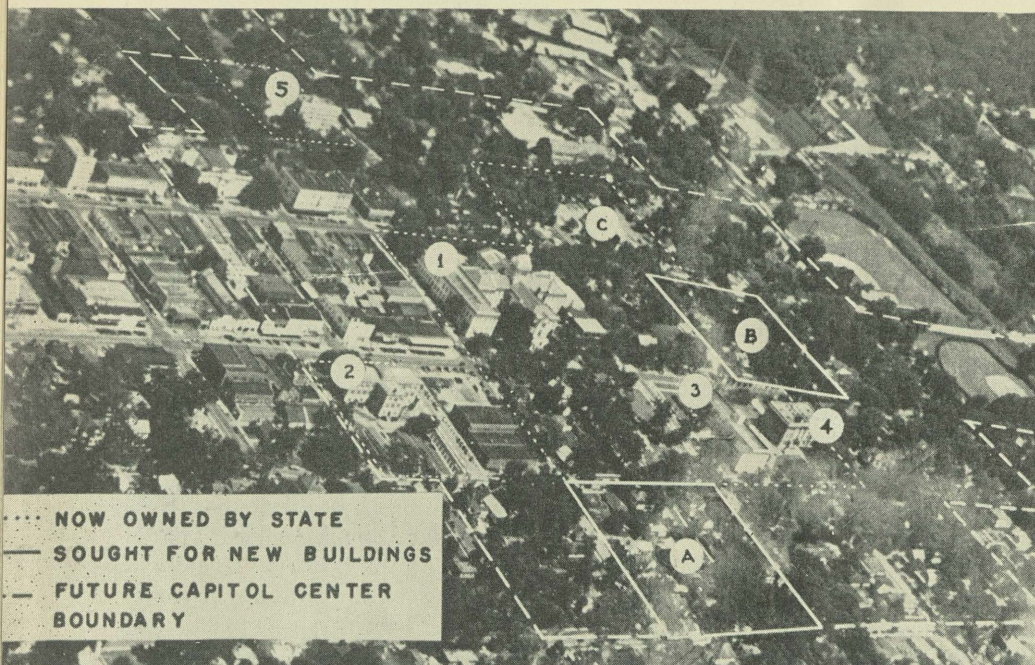
tain the land by condemnation proceedings.

Capitol Center

Proper location of the new Supreme Court building brought up the question of Capitol Center planning initiated in 1941 by the administration of Governor Holland. Nothing has actually been done on the Capitol Center plan during this administration except to have a landscape architect lay out an over-all design for the location of new buildings. The former administration acquired several lots adjacent to the Capitol but, so far, this administration has bought no land. It has been decided that the Supreme Court should be set apart from the Capitol, with a block of parkway between the two, rather than just across a narrow street from the Capitol building. It is anticipated



"The Capitol Center exists only on paper," said Governor Caldwell. This is a copy of that paper—the architect's preliminary drawing. It has already been changed and most of it is visionary—looking far ahead into the future, perhaps 50 years.



Florida's Capitol and adjacent area, showing (1) the Capitol Building, part of which dates from 1840, with South Wing under construction at far right of Dome, (2) Martin Office Building, erected 1927, now inadequately housing Road Department, Motor Vehicle Department and Department of Public Safety (3) Administration Building built by the City of Tallahassee in 1940 to help relieve congestion in State offices and conveyed to State under terms providing for transfer when cost has been liquidated (4) old Supreme Court building built in 1912 (5) Mayo (Department of Agriculture) Building erected in 1937. Present plans call for the acquisition of two areas (A) for the new Supreme Court Building and (B) for the Industrial Commission Building which will be a self-liquidating project financed from rentals derived largely from Federal sources. The area (C) chosen as the site for the building to be erected with departmental funds for the Road Department has belonged to the State since 1824. The State now owns the areas enclosed in dotted lines. No plan has been developed for acquiring the balance of the property that eventually will be needed to complete the landscape architect's plans for future development of a Capitol Center as designated by the broken line. Of some \$8,000,000 so far allocated to State building only about half a million has gone into the Capitol Center. Below the Martin Building (2) may be seen row of former Army barracks set up to partially take care of the overflow. The State now rents space in several old residences and warehouses and work is being done, with loss of efficiency, in corridors and storerooms.

that the same plan will be followed on any other new buildings.

So far the Capitol Center exists only on paper although it was recognized by the Legislatures of 1943 and 1945. The last Legislature authorized two other office buildings in the Capitol Center to relieve congestion and improve efficiency of overcrowded State departments. Two buildings have been proposed but it is expected that neither of them will be built with general funds. The Road department building will probably be erected with departmental funds and the Industrial Commission building will be erected as a self-liquidating project, financed from rentals largely paid from federal sources.

Nothing whatever has been done about the rest of the Capitol Center project which may eventually include some business property. It has been suggested that the City of Tallahassee acquire the property and liquidate the cost over a period of years from rentals, agreeing to turn it over to the State without charge when the cost has been recovered.

Only two land locations are sought now—one for the Supreme Court and the other for the Industrial Commission. On both the asking price is the bottleneck since we are refusing to pay inflated prices.

We have broken the most serious bottleneck which was tying up funds and delaying construction at the institutions and colleges and which threatened to prevent any prison improvements. That was done when the Cabinet majority won in the Supreme Court test over the Attorney General and Comptroller who had tied up the needed balances in the Treasury.

We do not have a clear road ahead but we are moving forward carefully but steadily, determined to remove any barriers to progress that may be encountered.

Florida's state government is facing forward and moving ahead.

AMERICAN COMMUNISTS

What is the appeal of communism to those 65,000 Americans who hold membership officially? How is it that the party is able to exact such absolute obedience, and to claim such blind and

unquestioning loyalty from people who, of their own free will have elected to submit? These are questions which puzzle average citizens who know that our system of government, with all its shortcomings, has produced the highest standard of living in the world.

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., writing about the American communists in a recent issue of Life magazine, explains: "The appeal is essentially the appeal of a religious sect—small, persecuted, dedicated, stubbornly convinced that it alone knows the path to salvation. To understand the communists, you must think of them in terms, not of a normal political party, but in terms of the (early) Mormons, or Jehovah's Witnesses."

Feeling that they have a rendezvous with destiny, the communists will sacrifice themselves for the cause without hesitation. The party's two main commitments—supporting the U. S. S. R. and bringing about revolutionary socialism in the United States—are placed on a level high above any considerations of national patriotism. In the words of Harold Laski, whom Mr. Schlesinger quotes: "The Communist parties outside Russia act without moral scruples, intrigue without any sense of shame, are utterly careless of truth, sacrifice, without any hesitation, the means they use to the ends they serve. The result is a corruption, both of mind and of the heart, which is alike contemptuous of reason and careless of truth."

Interesting enough, what worries Mr. Schlesinger is not the communist threat to America's conservative institutions but rather the fact that the party, with its infiltrating tactics, divides and neutralizes progressive movements in this country. The Communist party, like certain bacteria, is allergic to sunlight. It fattens upon poverty and economic depression. There can be no real alliance, then, between the communists and those liberals seeking needed reforms within the democratic framework. For this reason, as Mr. Schlesinger puts it, "The communists are looking to a next depression as their happy hunting ground."

We all need reminding, at times, that the choice for the future is not a choice between fascism and communism. It is rather a choice between either of these two, and democracy. As we go forward to a greater and more complete democracy, we must not allow ourselves to be hamstrung by the hide-bound concept that anything the American communists support is per se bad, and anything they are against is good. Democracy deserves a better yardstick—Miami Daily News.



FLORIDA FOURTH ESTATE

HOME RULE

Sheriff S. C. M. Thomas of Marion county (Ocala) has been found guilty by a jury on charges of countenancing lottery operations.

Gov. Millard Caldwell pointed to the incident as proof that "a community can guarantee the kind of government it wants."

The governor had called Sheriff Thomas to Tallahassee and lectured him on the performance of his duties.

A grand jury indicted the sheriff. He was suspended from office pending outcome of the case. A trial by jury found him guilty.

"The people who put him in, took him out," said the governor. Which is sound administrative doctrine.—Miami Herald.

SCHOOL FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Governor Caldwell this week activated the Florida Institute of Government, authorized by the 1945 legislature as a school at which might be carried on both research and instruction in the techniques of administering state, county and municipal affairs. To it will come public officials from all parts of the state, to learn from experts and from each other the most modern and efficient methods of running government agencies at all levels. The thing that sold the legislature on this idea was the experience of North Carolina, where a similar school has saved much more than its cost in developing economical methods for local governments.

In our democracy public office is open to expert and layman alike, and many a fine administration has been led by a man who never made a formal study of government. But the Institute of Government will make available to every official the fruits of knowledge and experience in his field.—Pensacola Journal.

SOMETHING MAY COME OF IT

Terming the water hyacinth as a menace to health, Governor Caldwell has created a 15-member state committee on hyacinth control to work with federal agencies in studying the plant and in mapping a plan to completely eradicate it.

The hyacinth which spreads so rapidly it soon completely chokes rivers and streams is a big obstacle in the fight to eliminate mosquitoes. It causes water to become stagnant. It seriously hinders navigation. It is a nuisance all over Florida and Governor Caldwell's new committee is in a position to render a service for which the people will be everlastingly grateful.

Crane Creek is an example of what the hyacinths do. When we had an inlet at Sebastian and the waters of the Indian River were refreshed with salt water from the ocean, there were no hyacinths in Crane Creek. Salt water kills the plant. But since the closing of the Sebastian Inlet and the lack of salt water here, the hyacinths have thrived in Crane Creek to the extent that the upper parts

of the stream are choked with the plants, making it impossible for boats to go far.

Drainage canals experience the same difficulties, necessitating continuous work to keep the ditches from becoming useless.

Melbourne will watch with considerable interest the program that is made by the governor's new hyacinth committee.—Melbourne Times.

THE FLORIDA CAPITOL

There are state capitols much more attractive than the building in Tallahassee which has long been used as Florida's capitol.

In fact, we'd not be at all surprised to learn that the Florida capitol is one of the least attractive of all. We've heard numerous fellow-Floridians and quite a few residents from other states comment concerning the building's comparatively ordinary appearance. It looks very much like an ancient, over-grown county courthouse.

Therefore, it is encouraging to learn that Governor Caldwell, who says the capital is an affront to the dignity of Florida, has sold the cabinet on the idea of having the state improvement commission go into action about the matter.

The interior of the building is a most haphazard arrangement, with so many odds and ends, including long-standing temporary booths, cluttering up the place.

The building needs a good going over and a lot of brightening up in order to be truly representative of the thriving state of Florida.

It's no wonder Governor Caldwell says he feels apologetic when out-of-state visitors call at the capitol.—Lakeland Ledger.

ROOM FOR STUDENTS

So heavy is the postwar demand for student accommodations at the University of Florida that, for the first time in the history of the state, the University overflow may be admitted to the College for Women, which thus will become, temporarily, a co-educational institution.

The overflow is due to the necessity of taking care of a rush of ex-service students, who are entitled to tuition at the University. President Tigert, of the University, states that 7224 students have met the entrance requirements there, and that the University has facilities to take care of only 6000 of them. The state has allocated \$1,200,000 for building additional accommodations, but these cannot be completed before the opening of the Fall term. So, approximately 1500 of the University excess will have to go elsewhere—to the College for Women if it has room for them and if they wish to go to a school for girls. It will be entirely voluntary on the part of the students.

The suggestion of this solution of the emergency came from Governor Caldwell. It is the only way to meet the unusual situation.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

Florida Reconverts

Florida's reconversion is nearly complete.

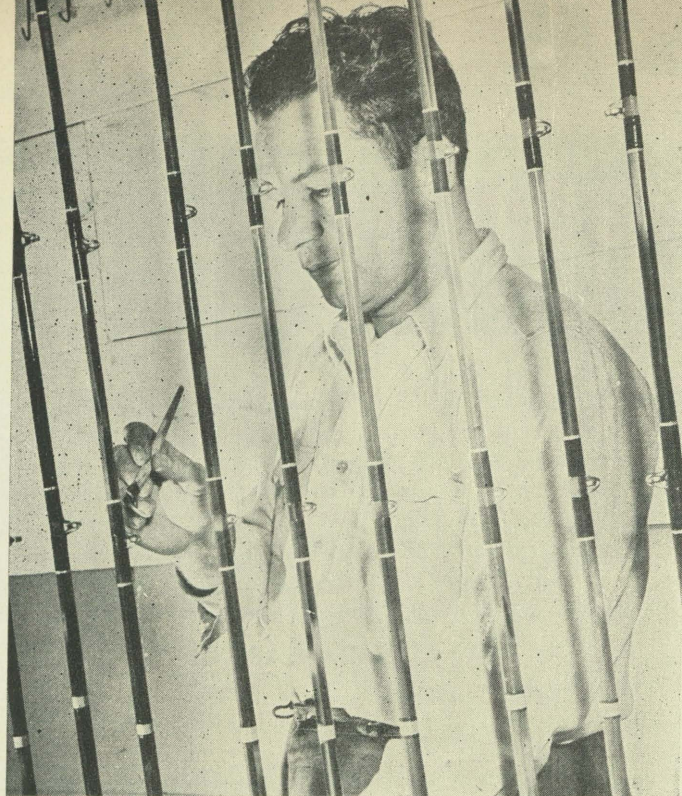
Rapidly and efficiently, manufacturers all over the state have changed from making tanks to producing food machinery, from ships to furniture, from shells to oil filters, bomb parachutes to baby clothes, and many other contrasting products.

Reports show, in fact, that the sunshine state is experiencing an unprecedented growth in the industrial field with new factories and plants springing up in a land where manufacturers find favorable tax laws, climate, sites and markets and strategic location on world water and air trade routes.

Reconversion is under way, as well, in the highly competitive marts of tourist trade, for the peninsular state wants to maintain and increase this billion-dollar industry growing out of its reputation as the nation's playground. Fiestas, fetes and sports events are again on schedule, highways are being repaired and new ones constructed, and hotels and resorts are doing their best to refurbish a bit although still busy entertaining huge summer vacation crowds. About \$40,000,000 in state and federal funds will be spent this year to maintain Florida's roads and construct arterial highways.

The state moved into high gear with the nation's largest state appropriation for promotion, a million-dollar fund to tell the world about its opportunities in industry, agriculture, business, home life, and of course vacations. You'll read more about such subjects than ever before as a result of this phase of Florida's reconversion to peacetime pursuits.

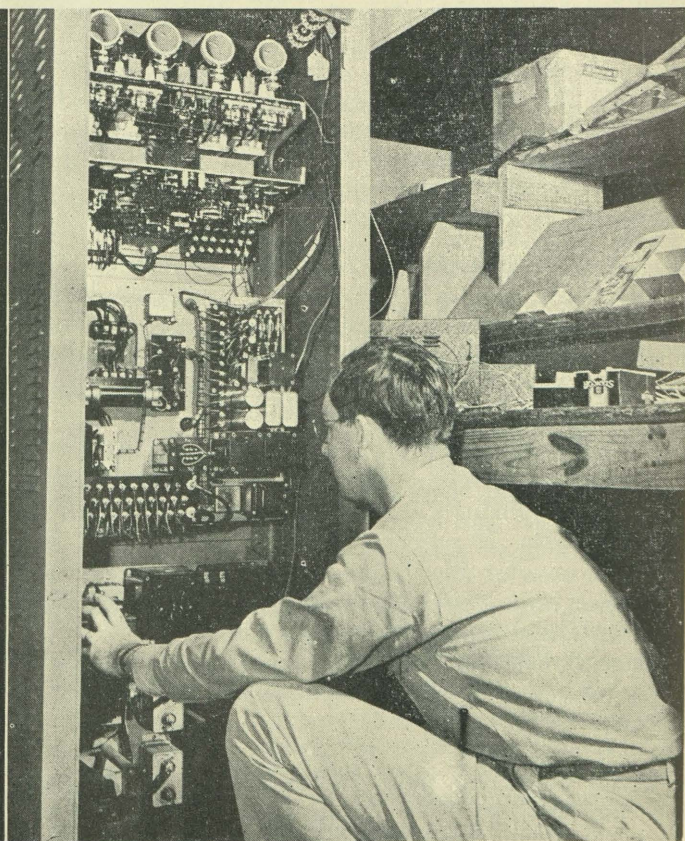
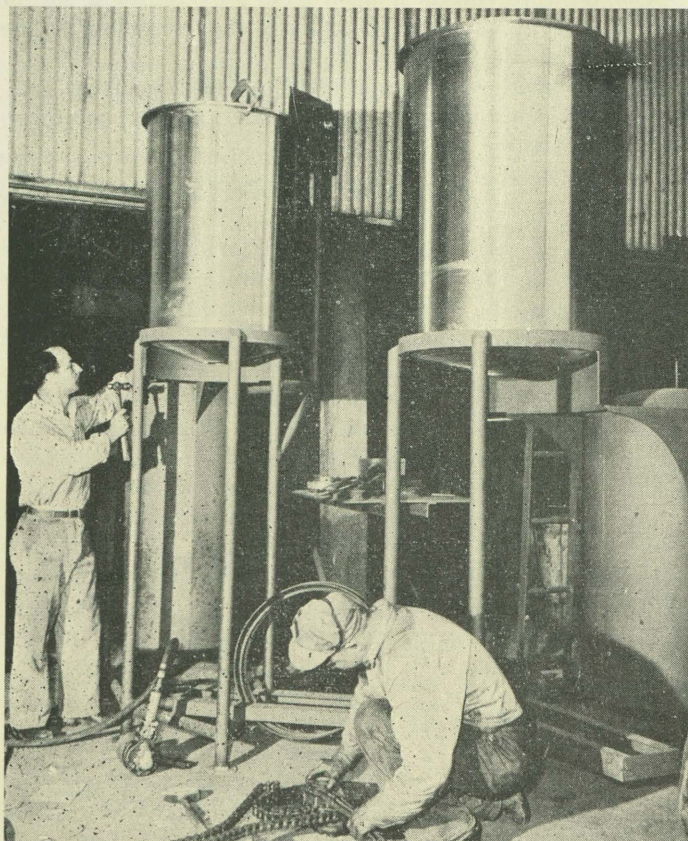
These pictures show some of the diverse trends in her new program as revealed by a state-wide survey.

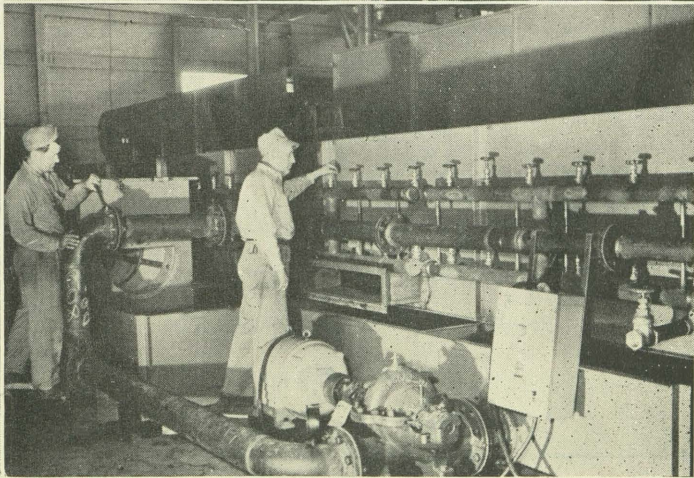
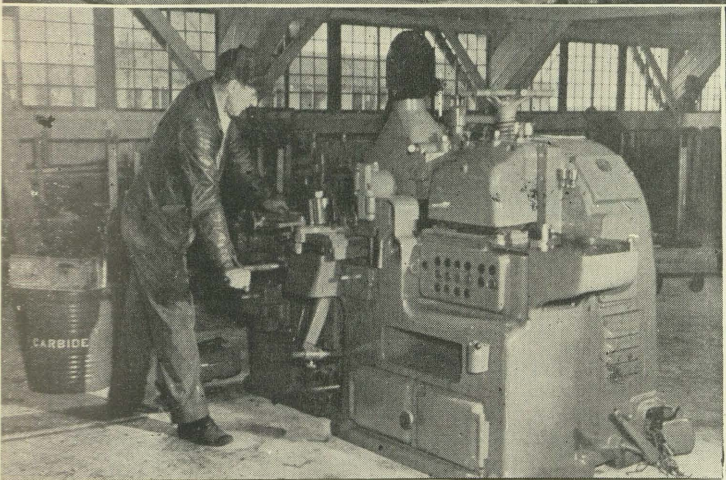
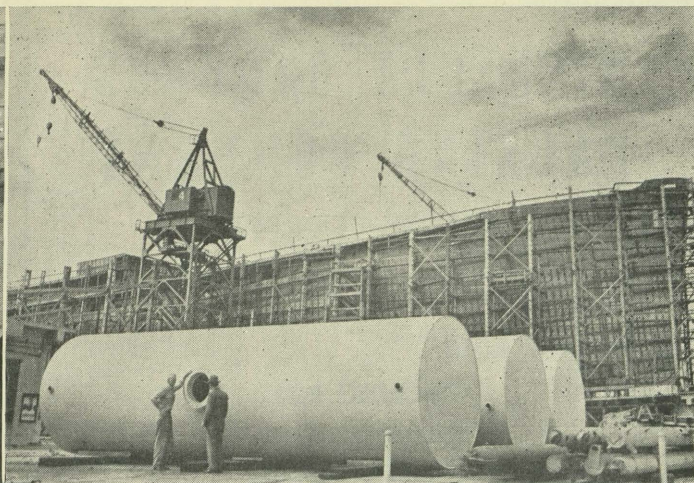
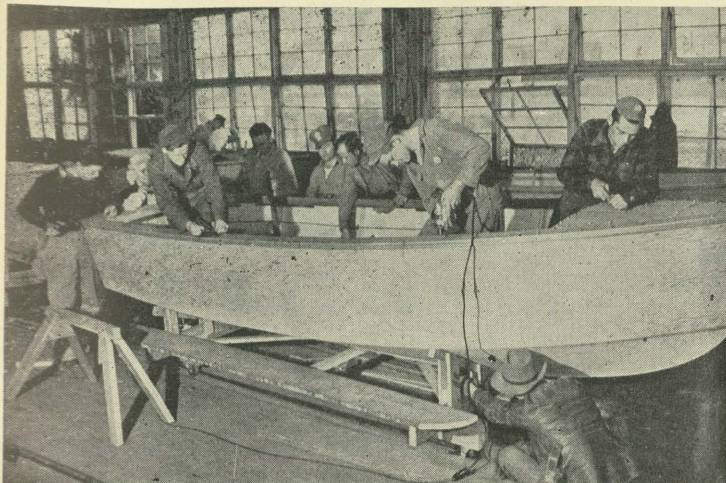


Left to right opposite page: Veterans making speedboats in Gibbs shipyard Jacksonville where fighting craft were turned out during war; Navy repair ship and post-war oil tanks in Tampa Shipbuilding Co., yard; Smith Shipbuilding Co., Pensacola, installs furniture making machinery; Oil filters on production line of Fram Florida, Inc., Jacksonville, which once made 40 mm shells; mass production of metal heads for feather jigs at Florida Fishing Tackle Co., Pensacola, which turned out machine parts for torpedoes; Food Machinery Corp., now is back in full production of fruit processing machinery instead of war-time production of amphibious tanks at Lakeland plant; baby clothing now being made instead of bomb parachutes and tent linings at Casselberry; Fishing lures produced at Florida Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Co., Pensacola.



Above left, Tycoon Tackle Co., Miami, made landing struts for dive bombers but is now back to peace-time production. Below left, American Machinery Corp., Orlando, converts decontamination trailer into fertilizer distributor; right, instead of Walkie-Talkie sets for armed forces, Communications Inc., is now producing two-way radios for buses, taxicabs, railway trains, planes and boats at Coral Gables.





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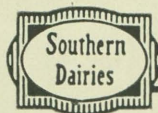
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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA....

Julia Rehwinkel Holland

The juke box at the Tarpon Springs Golf Club got hot the other day though the tune it was playing was not hot. When the fire caused by a short in the wiring of the juke box was extinguished, Miss Esse Welles remarked, "I wasn't even playing a hot tune."

The Miami police are fast losing their patience. A woman constantly calls them to arrest prowlers. Every time a police car is sent out, the scene is the same. When the woman retires at night, she fails to lower her bedroom shades and the result is that casual passersby stop to gaze.

The mystery surrounding the dyeing of the hair and eyebrows of two young men at a Sebring beauty parlor has been cleared up. Officers thought they and the young woman who was with them might be connected with the holdup of the DeLand Western Union office, but the men were vacationing from Georgia and, as a prank, planned to tell the folks back home that their hair turned black because the sun didn't shine in Florida.

Mrs. Bertha Muller of Miami has made a rope of at least 30,000 beads from comics, which took her one year to make. Each bead is about as long as a cigaret—there are 60,000 knots in the rug cord she used—and the beads cost her \$32.

A man appeared at St. Petersburg's Mound Park hospital with his tongue caught in his false teeth so he couldn't open his mouth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pitts who live near Panama City made a vacation trip to Tallahassee and Carrabelle on horseback. They carried a small tent and a few utensils, including a thermos jug of coffee and shipped ahead—town to town—feed for the horses.

The work of Gurney Kennedy, Tallahassee composer, was featured in the "art songs" demonstration on a recent night in the Tampa YWCA Triangle Building. Miss Barbara Connally sang Kennedy's *Miserere* as the American feature of her demonstration of the national charac-

teristics and idiosyncracies of art song writers.

The 17-year-old Tampa singing star of the Theater Guild road showing of the musical "Oklahoma," Mary Frank Hatcher, has been awarded the central character role in Paramount's *Variety Girl*, a \$3,000,000 musical show which will feature most of the top stars on the studio's roster.

Little Virgil Stroud of Miami can do at four what most of us can't do at many times that age. He sings—*gustissimo* and *vervissimo*—and accompanies himself on the Steinway the hard way—with one finger.

In Tampa, Jesus Yado III, 16, won \$100 as a prize for his model car, which received first place in Florida for the junior competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild Model Car and Coach contest. The car, made from balsa wood, was 16 inches long, 6 inches wide and 5½ inches high. Jesus plans to use his prize money to help pay for a college course in engineering.

Bobby Busse of Jacksonville is a capitalist at 16. During the six years he has carried newspapers, he has saved \$1,000 toward his college education, bought a bicycle, purchased his clothing and financed his own recreation. By the fall of 1947, when he plans to enter the University of Florida, Bobby hopes to have saved \$1,500.

Tampa's youngest ice man is nine-year-old Ray Lee McNeal, who is working on his father's truck this summer. He does all the chipping for his father and carries up to 25 pounds. He says he is able to carry 50-pound pieces, but his father won't allow it.

A Bartow man has been jailed for encouraging his eight-year-old son to steal.

The Jacksonville garage owned by Fred W. Brown is turned into a dance hall and back into a filling station within 12 hours once a week. Mr. Brown provides free music and soft drinks for all teen-agers who want to dance at his garage every Monday night.

Brenda Joyce Knowles, who is 5,

must have been the proudest little girl in Miami when she received a sleek red leather shoulder strap bag and a card inscribed "To my little namesake, with love" from Brenda Joyce, the movie star. This was in answer to a picture of little Miss Knowles enclosed with a note written at her insistence by her mother, telling Miss Joyce of her namesake.

Some Jacksonville Girl Scouts have "adopted" an Italian family. It was decided to supply the family with articles they need from time to time after a letter was received by the Jacksonville Community Chest from a 17-year-old Italian girl requesting cast-off items for her family consisting of herself, her mother, father, two sisters of 15, and a brother of 10.

Jacksonville has lost its most legendary citizen — Major James E. Monroe, who says he is 131 and was born July 4, 1815 in Ashland, Virginia, the son of President Monroe by a third wife. He left by plane for Dansville, New York, to spend the rest of his days at Bernarr Macfadden's elegant physical culture hotel. The major's memory may be a little fuzzy and the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* shows that President Monroe had only one wife and was survived by two daughters, but Jacksonville old-timers will tell you Major Monroe was an old man when they were young sprouts.

Lewis W. Brown celebrated his 104th birthday in West Palm Beach on August 22. "Dad" Brown has been writing his autobiography—on a typewriter—and can recite hymns in the dialects of India.

A man who came to Miami to die 26 years ago recently celebrated his 102nd birthday. He is John E. Scott, who is believed to be Dade county's oldest citizen.

A family reunion honored J. C. Henry, octogenarian of Live Oak, on a recent Sunday.

Miss Maggie Gaillard of Anderson, South Carolina, came to Bradenton to celebrate her 70th birthday with her twin brother John D. Gaillard.

The first traffic light was probably the one invented by a Jacksonville man, Edward J. Lotsey, 69. As a Jacksonville traffic cop in 1913, he constructed a hand-operated signal resembling an umbrella, which

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County Activities and Personalities . . .

St. Lucie County Commissioners have been requested in a petition for an alternate writ of mandamus to re-portion county commission districts as nearly equal in population as possible.

W. O. (Bill) Baxter has been named Marion County Engineer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the late John Walker in January of this year. Baxter is a native of Texas and has been employed in the county in the construction of bridges.

Commencing August 1, Mrs. Clyde Strange assumed duties as public health nurse for North Brevard County. She had held the position several years prior to the war when she enlisted as an Army nurse. She was Captain at the time of discharge.

Santa Rosa Island is to be made a resort area according to a master plan to be presented to the Escambia Board of County Commissioners by the Island Advisory Board. J. H. Sherrill, chairman of the board, has asked the county to provide \$10,000 for engineering fees and other expenses to be incurred in making the blueprint of proposed uses for the island.

Property of a taxable value in Broward County has shown a gain of nearly \$3,000,000 according to the assessment roll delivered to the County Commission by Tax Assessor Lawrence Hansen.

Escambia County Commissioners have tentatively agreed upon a tax rate of 14.5 mills for the new fiscal year. In the last year the tax rate was 12.8 mills. The tentative budget of overall expenditures has been set at \$1,022,000.

The Brownsville Civitan club has requested an appropriation from the Escambia County Commission to assist in the construction of a play ground in that suburban area of Pensacola.

Following advice from their attorney, members of the Hillsborough County Commission have reduced by \$90,000 the 1946 tangible personal property assessment placed on planes owned by Eastern and National Air Lines.

Because of the absence of a quorum, Dade County Commissioners decided not to hold any meetings in August. Vacations and the protracted illness of Commissioner N. P. Lowrey made this schedule necessary.

Putnam County plans to vote on a fire control reforestation program at the general election on November 5. Owners of at least 51 per cent of the forest land in the county must petition the Board of County Commissioners to place the question on the ballot. The County is among the first 12 in the State to put on a definite reforestation program.

The Palm Beach County Commission has agreed to pay the cost of work expected to be done on Olive Street in West Palm Beach between Southern Boulevard and Velvedere Road by the State Road Department.

Clarence J. Parman, Homestead architect, has been employed by the Dade County Commission to design plans for the new \$250,000 tuberculosis ward approved by freeholders last May. Commission Preston B. Bird said the ward might be built at Jackson Memorial Hospital if the county takes over operation from the city.

Hendry County Commissioners have set the millage for 1946-47 budget at 5 mills, the lowest levy in the history of the county. The proposed budget as submitted for approval was the highest ever totaled and designed to take care of the building of a hospital at Clewiston, county jail and health unit.

For the first time in 20 years Sarasota County is to be completely re-surveyed and remapped. The board of county commissioners has ordered the work roughly estimated at \$12,000.

Duval County Commissioners have instructed the County Tax Assessor to remove from its non-exempt real estate tax roll all property owned by fraternal organizations which comes under a recent decision of the Florida Supreme Court. The board's attorney has advised the commissioners that the court decision gives total exemption to fraternal organization property when at least 25 per cent of the property is occupied by the lodge or when that percentage of income goes to charitable purposes.

Fort Myers city officials have passed on to Lee county commission the city's agreement to turn back to the county that portion of the Buckingham gunnery school which will not be needed to induce a private industry to locate at the former Army air base.

Veteran County Commissioner N. P. Lowrey has returned to Jackson Memorial hospital with a recurring heart ailment. The 66-year-old official, who is widely known throughout Florida, is said to be in a critical condition.

Miss Mary Frances McAnally, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent of Pinellas County, has turned her resignation in while announcing at the same time plans for her marriage.

Brevard County Commissioners have allotted \$10,000 to establish a County Health Center according to announcement by W. C. Klingensmith, member of the board. Civic clubs in several towns in the county have been agitating for some time the levying of increased tax millage for financing it. County Commissioners have announced that no increase will be necessary.

Billie Everett has been appointed county service officer in Gilchrist County. His duties are to assist and advise veterans of all benefits to which they will be entitled.

Martin County Commissioners have rejected two sealed bids on Palm City tax delinquent property. The land is known as the Old County Poor Farm and consists of 20 acres. Representatives of veterans' organizations have protested the announced sale urging that the Board sell the land to Julius Magos, disabled war veteran.

R. W. Leverett of Largo has donated two parcels of land required by the county for right-of-way along the shore of Long Bayou for the site of the dam which will be built on a line with Park Boulevard and Oakhurst Road. Leverett said he would contribute the land necessary for the construction of the dam with an informal agreement that he be given a fishing concession later if such concessions are granted by the board.

Highlands County Commissioners have heard considerable discussion as to which way Highway No. 19 will be routed in the area of the city of Sebring. Some advocates want the route on the West side of Lake Jackson while others want the road to pass to the east of the city of Sebring.

Seminole County Commissioners have promised quick action in deepening canals on the West side of the city of Sanford in order to prevent future

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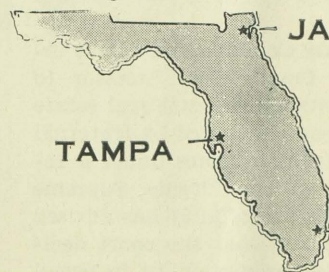
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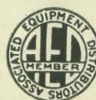
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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

MEETING HELD AT JACKSONVILLE ON AUGUST 5, 1946

Pursuant to agreement at the close of the meeting of June 24, the Members of the State Road Department held a meeting at Jacksonville on August 5, 1946 for the consideration of all routine and special business to be presented at this time. Mr. F. Elgin Bayless, Chairman, Messrs. Courtney W. Campbell, S. Kendrick Guernsey, Herman B. Fultz, Robert T. Carleton, and the Secretary, J. Robert McClure, were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the minutes of the meeting of June 24 were approved.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted: WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed, be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows, to wit:

CONSTRUCTION

Bids received June 27th:

S-147(3) & S-144(1) 37 & 90, Santa Rosa, A. B. Covell, \$57,994.07.

1504-901 Etc. 595, Pinellas and Hillsborough, W. H. Armston & Co., \$78,546.23.

5704-104 Etc. 10 & 218, Okaloosa, Smith Engr. & Const. Co., \$26,942.28.

3614-102 Etc. 47-A, Marion, L. L. Hall Const. Co., \$44,221.46.

1803-106 & 1112-901 2 & 290, Sumter-Lake, Langston-Hubbard Const. Co., \$37,015.81.

3603-104 2, Marion, Jas. H. Craggs Const. Co., \$311,847.91.

DA-WR 31-C(1) 613, Hillsborough, Cone Bros. Contr. Co., \$36,613.40.

Bids received July 18th:

5707-105 & 5710-103 41 & 165, Okaloosa, Coggin & Deermont, \$35,589.34.

5903-104 & 5904-102 10, Wakulla, Marion Contr. Co., \$65,067.82.

S-107(3) 2 & 23, Sumter, John C. Dickerson Const. Co., \$250,781.16.

5901-108 10, Wakulla, Peterson & Earnhart, \$93,108.90.

5401-105 & 5502-105 1, Jefferson and Leon, LeVeille & Barnett, \$89,013.94.

Bids received August 1st:

7406-106 & 7402-105 13, Nassau, R. T. Gordon & Co., \$130,170.37.

8703-103 Etc. 4 Etc., Dade, Belcher Oil Co., \$56,086.78.

3603-106 2, Marion, John C. Dickerson Const. Co., \$71,001.58.

2607-105 14, Alachua, Jas. H. Craggs Const. Co., \$15,751.97.

2703-901 Etc. 49 Etc., Baker-Clay, R. T. Gordon & Co., \$22,694.98.

7002-114 4, Brevard, Langston-Hubbard Const. Co., \$74,364.77.

EQUIPMENT

Bids received June 28th:

7 H D Tractor Mowers, FOB Tampa and DeLand, Fla. Equipment Co. of Jacksonville, \$9,202.76.

7 Portable Tandem Rollers, FOB Ft. Myers, Arcadia, Tampa, Cocoa and Gainesville, Fla. Equipment Co. of Jacksonville, \$10,723.16.

1 Portable Tandem Roller, FOB Lake City, M. D. Moody, \$1,529.56.

1 Bit. Cold Patch Mixer, FOB Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Equipment Co. of Jacksonville, \$1,949.76.

2 Pulvi Mixers, FOB Tampa and DeLand, Fla. Equipment Co. of Jacksonville, \$5,850.04.

1 H D Tractor Mower, FOB DeLand, M. D. Moody, \$1,162.56.

1 H D Tractor Mower, FOB Tampa, Farm & Home Mach. Corp., \$1,061.25.

1 Portable Tandem Roller, FOB Arcadia, M. D. Moody, \$1,449.80.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

8901-107 4, Martin, Langston-Hubbard Const. Co. \$37,959.67, Increase.

5203-901 39, 165, 123, 1 & 52, Jackson, Coggin & Deermont, \$4,082.40, Increase.

8801-105 & 8803-103 4, Indian River, J. D. Manly Const. Co., \$28,200.73, Increase.

9314-105 194, Palm Beach, John A. Benton, \$891.11, Increase.

7219-103 376, Duval, Duval Engr. & Contr. Co. \$488.45, Increase.

F A 117(2) 21, Volusia, R. H. Wright & Son, \$14,469.32, Decrease.

7219-104 376, Duval, Duval Engr. & Contr. Co., \$4,853.94, Decrease.

3401-107 500, Levy, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., No change.

7002-113 Etc. 4 Etc., Brevard, L. J. & W. L. Cobb Inc., \$210.84, Decrease.

7219-104 376, Duval, Duval Engr. & Contr. Co., \$2,115.20, Increase.

5704-903 Etc. 10 Etc., Okaloosa and Santa Rosa, Smith Engr. & Constr. Co., No change.

REQUESTS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY

Resolutions were adopted requesting the acquisition of right of way for the following projects:

Dade County, Road 370, Section 8724, Description—Along NW 27th Ave. from SR 26 to SR 270, Mr. Fultz, Mr. Campbell.

Franklin County, Road 12, Section 4906, Description—From junction of SR 10 northerly and westerly to south line of Apalachicola National Forest, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Guernsey.

Hillsboro County, Road 64, Section 1013, Description—From Pinellas County line to junction of Gandy Boulevard and Dale Mabry Highway, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fultz.

Pasco County, Road 23, Section 1411, Description—From Hillsboro County line to Zephyrhills, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Carleton.

Polk County, Road 2, Section 1607, Description—Beginning on E line of Central Avenue in Polk City at Lakeland Ave. running east and northeast a distance of 4,070 feet to point on Commonwealth Avenue, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Guernsey.

Polk County, Road 8, Section 1609, Description—From junction of SR 8-A to Frostproof, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fultz.

Polk County, Road 215, Section 1629, Description—Beginning at N line of 29-27-26 on Beuna Vista Drive in Lake Alfred extending northerly and run N & NW to North Line of South ½ of Section 17, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Carleton.

Columbia County, Road 82, Section 2902, Description—From Lake City to Fort White, Mr. Guernsey, Mr. Campbell.

Volusia County, Road 4, Section 9903, Description—From the South City Limits of the City of Holly Hill to the North City Limits of said City of Holly Hill, Carleton-Guernsey.

Volusia County, Road 4, Section 9903, Description—From the South City Limits of the City of Ormond Northerly to Rosewood Street in said City of Ormond, Carleton-Fultz.

Volusia County, Road 4, Section 9903, Description—From the South City Limits of the City of Daytona Beach to the North City Limits of said City of Daytona Beach, Carleton-Campbell.

APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF F. E. HARRISON, JR., BEFORE THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, it appears to be the interest of this Department to be represented at the hearing in Atlanta, Georgia on Ex Parte No. 162 before the Interstate Commerce Commission with reference to the railroads' application for increased railway rates, fares and charges, and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the brief and testimony prepared by Mr. F. E. Harrison, Jr., Traffic Manager of the State Road Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above brief and testimony be and it is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. F. E. Harrison, Jr., as such Traffic Manager, be and he is hereby instructed to represent this Department at the said hearing and continue his efforts to minimize any increased railway rates, fares and charges which may be granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission and which are applicable to aggregates used in road work, and other materials entering into the construction of highways.

ALACHUA COUNTY

The following delegation appeared from Alachua County: Senator W. A. Shands, Representative Joe Jenkins, Mr. Sam P. Harn, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Gainesville; Mr. Will J. Whitehurst, County Commissioner, and Mr. Harry J. Morrison, retired U. S. Public Roads Administration Engineer.

Senator Shands requested consideration of the Board in improving a connecting link in the City of Micanopy, stating the road was paved right up to the city limits but the part in the city limits was impassable. He stated the city could not finance this and estimated the cost to be about \$12,000. Mr. Guernsey advised he would check into this.

Senator Shands also requested that the Department locate Road No. 65.

Mr. Morrison spoke in the interest of keeping the Division of Tests located in Gainesville and not moving same to Tallahassee. He pointed out that there was close cooperation between this Division and the University of Florida, also that its location in the center of the State makes it more economical and convenient in the shipments of samples and carrying on inspection work of the different projects. He further stated that in its present location it would be more convenient to Division and Project Engineers, as well as contractors.

Mr. Jenkins also spoke in regard to keeping the Division of Tests at Gainesville and stated he believed that no one was better qualified to know the situation than Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Harn stated that Mr. Morrison would be considered as a disinterested party as he is not a member of the Road Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and is a former U. S. Engineer.

BROWARD COUNTY—ANDREWS AVENUE BRIDGE

Mr. F. L. Neville, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners; Mr. Luther S. Remsburg, Member, Board of County Commissioners; and Mr. John Lloyd, County Attorney, made up the delegation from Broward County.

The Florida State Improvement Commission was at this time invited to join the Department in hearing the Broward County request. All members of the Improvement Commission, except the Governor, were present; also, the Commission's Director and Attorney.

Mr. Lloyd requested consideration of the rebuilding of Andrews' Avenue Bridge, stating that

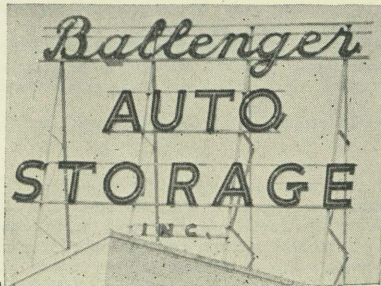
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the present structure was about to fall in and has been repaired time after time. He advised that there were only two bridges serving north and south traffic and if something should happen to this bridge, it would leave them in a very serious situation.

A proposed agreement executed by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale, together with certified copies of resolutions authorizing the said execution, was filed with the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been shown to the satisfaction of this Board that Andrews Avenue Bridge in the City of Fort Lauderdale on State Road No. 176 is hazardous and inadequate, and

WHEREAS, the County of Broward and the City of Fort Lauderdale, because of lack of sufficient funds, urgently request the State Road Department to enter into an agreement with them and the Florida State Improvement Commission whereby the necessary funds can be procured and the desired new bridge constructed at the earliest possible date, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to cooperate with and assist the County of Broward and the City of Fort Lauderdale in removing this hazard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above referred to agreement, heretofore filed with this Board, be and it is hereby approved in words and figures as follows:

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT Made and entered into this — day of August, A. D. 1946 by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, hereinafter referred to as the "County", the State Road Department of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", and the City of Fort Lauderdale, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and the Florida State Improvement Commission, a state agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission",

WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the cooperative construction of a bridge to replace the existing bridge on Andrews Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, which bridge will span New River in said city, and

WHEREAS, the existing Andrews Avenue Bridge is in a deplorable condition, is hazardous and inadequate, and construction of a new bridge will not only remedy said conditions but will also serve as a detour bridge for traffic on U. S. Highway 1 during the contemplated reconstruction of such route through the City of Fort Lauderdale in the near future by the State Road Department, and

WHEREAS, the route of Andrews Avenue is

located on designated State Road No. 176, and

WHEREAS, the County and the City hereby request the Commission to finance the construction of said bridge by issuing its notes, bonds or debentures for the estimated construction costs of said bridge; and the County and the City hereby request the Department to enter into a lease-purchase agreement covering said bridge, with the Commission when the said bridge is completed and pay the lease-purchase payments out of the funds hereinafter specified, and the Department and Commission hereby signify their willingness to comply with said requests as hereinafter provided, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Agreement that the Department, on behalf of the Commission, will perform all the necessary engineering, let all the contracts and supervise all the construction of such construction in order to provide for the construction of said bridge.

In consideration of the foregoing and the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar moving between the parties, it is covenanted and agreed as follows:

1. The Commission agrees that it will issue its notes, bonds or debentures to secure the necessary funds for the construction of said bridge, and will enter into appropriate agreements and arrangements with the Department for the latter to use such funds as the Commission's agent for the construction of the bridge.

2. The Department will enter into appropriate agreements with the Commission to act as its agent in performing all engineering, in letting all contracts, and supervising all the work under such contracts for the construction of said bridge over Andrews Avenue, City of Fort Lauderdale. The Department agrees that upon the completion of the bridge it will enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Commission covering the bridge in which it will agree to pay a total amount equal to all costs and expense incurred by the Commission for the construction of the bridge.

3. The City agrees that out of the ad valorem taxes levied for county road and bridge purposes which are required by law to be remitted by the County to the City insofar as collections are received from properties within the municipal boundaries of the City, shall, as collected by the County, be paid directly by the County to the Department to be used by it to pay lease-rental charges under said lease-purchase agreement; provided such taxes shall be paid for only the years 1945, 1946 and 1947. The City agrees that the use of such funds is for a legitimate municipal purpose and that this Agreement is for use of city funds to provide a current necessity, namely: a bridge free of tolls for the benefit of municipal traffic and that the anticipation of said funds for such purposes is an agreement within the legal powers of the City.

The said funds agreed to be provided by the City shall be placed by the Department in a special account with the Board of Administration to be designated, "City of Fort Lauderdale Contributions for the Purchase of Andrews Avenue Bridge, Fort Lauderdale", and shall be used by the Department solely for said lease-purchase payment.

4. It is agreed by the County and the Department that all 80 per cent surplus gasoline tax revenues of Broward County hereafter remitted to the Department or to the County by the Board of Administration shall be used by the Department solely for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments on said lease-purchase agreement until the same is paid in full.

It is mutually agreed that this Agreement is a good faith undertaking on the part of the parties hereto to provide for the construction of said bridge and each of the parties hereto agrees that it will abide by and carry out its covenants here-

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under promptly and expeditiously to the end that the result desired may be obtained at the earliest practical time and the indebtedness incurred for the construction of the bridge liquidated in strict accordance with the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

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By:

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By:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair-
man and Secretary for and on behalf of the
Department execute said agreement and in addi-
tion all necessary papers incident thereto; also
initiate the proper arrangements with the Florida
State Improvement Commission to carry out said
agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board
hereby agrees to accept this bridge as a part of
the designated system of the State Road Depart-
ment.

BROWARD COUNTY

A resolution from the Board of County Com-
missioners of Broward County was presented to
the Board by Mr. Fultz which requested the De-
partment to surface State Road No. 517, common-
ly known as "Flamingo Road" which runs be-
tween the South New River Canal and State
Road 26, if the County would construct a bed
and rock base meeting the requirements of the
State Road Department. The resolution advised
that the County did not have sufficient funds to
properly reconstruct this road so that it would be
of a standard to give indefinite service and pro-
posed to use the funds they ordinarily would ex-
pend in entirely completing the reconstruction of
said road only for the reconstruction of the base
which would meet the specifications of the
Department.

The Board agreed to surface the above road
provided Broward County would construct the
base in accordance with standards of the Depart-
ment.

Mr. Fultz also presented a certified copy of a
resolution of the Board of County Commission-
ers of Broward County reciting that the County
is without funds to properly reconstruct Broward
Boulevard extending westward from the Seaboard
Air Line Railway right of way to State Road 149,
in Broward County, but they will be willing to
spend what funds they have to construct a rock
base meeting the requirements of the State Road
Department if the Department will agree to sur-
face the road after the bed and rock base are
completed by the County.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr.
Carleton, the Board unanimously agreed to sur-
face the road requested after Broward County
has completed the reconstruction of the bed and
rock base in accordance with the standards and
specifications of the Department.

DeSOTO COUNTY

Senator Wilbur King filed with the Board a
telegram he had received from the Board of
County Commissioners of DeSoto County request-
ing the Department to include in its 1947 Budget
the following roads in their order of preference:
Widening and resurfacing Arcadia-Sarasota Road

No. 220; paving State Road No. 2 from Carlstrom
Field to Bermont at point where new paving is
being done by Department now; resurfacing Ar-
cadia-Bradenton Road No. 18A; resurfacing
Arcadia-Fort Myers Road No. 17. The telegram
further requested the Department to undertake
next year work on the first two projects, stating
the Sarasota-Arcadia Road No. 220 is believed to
be the only main state highway on which there
is still some nine foot paving.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Representative J. W. McAlpin and County Com-
missioner C. C. Bullard were the delegation from
Hamilton County.

Representative McAlpin requested the hard sur-
facing of State Road No. 116 east of Jasper,
stating that it has been graded and all right of
way has been secured, but in its present condition
they were getting no use out of it. He asked that
this road be placed in the 1947 Budget. He stated
that there was no hard surfaced road in the
eastern part of the County. He also requested
consideration of the Woodpecker Route.

HENDRY COUNTY

The delegation from Hendry County included
Senator James A. Franklin, Representative Elbert
L. Stewart and County Commissioner A. J. Evers.

Representative Stewart asked that the Depart-
ment take over for repairs the Fort Denaud
Bridge on Road 357 which he stated was unsafe
and dangerous. He stated the county would con-
tinue maintaining this bridge, if the Department
would make the necessary repairs, until such
time as the Department would take it over for
maintenance and also the road leading from
this bridge. He advised that the road leading up
to the bridge was maintained by the Department.

Senator Franklin also spoke in behalf of the
Fort Denaud Bridge and requested the Depart-
ment to assist them in this project as the county
had no funds to do this work. He advised that
this road and bridge served an area of citrus and
cattle, also some trucking.

The Board agreed that if the County Commis-
sioners would present a resolution requesting the
Department to advance the funds for the neces-
sary repairs to said bridge and provide for the
repayment of same out of the 80% gas tax sur-
plus funds accruing to the credit of Hendry
County, that the necessary repairs will be made.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

This delegation included the following: Repre-
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P. Martin, Plant City; County Commissioner Elbert Moore, County Commissioner Earl Simmons, Dr. L. E. Black, Plant City; Mr. William H. Barlous, Manager East Hillsborough County Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Johnson, State Marketing Bureau.

County Commissioner Simmons requested that Road 315 from Plant City to Hopewell be taken over by the Department for maintenance, and, as soon as possible, rebuilt. He stated this section of 5 miles connected three State Roads and that about 65% of the produce goes over this road to market. He also requested repairs to a detour that was used by the Department during construction work in that county.

Representative Martin also requested consideration of Road 315, stating that at least one million dollars worth of produce was hauled over this road during a season. He asked that the road be taken over for permanent maintenance.

Mr. Johnson, of the State Marketing Bureau, requested the resurfacing of the State Market at Plant City, stating that the Market was now dormant and later the traffic would be so great that this work could not be done.

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On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

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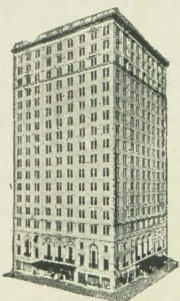
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Representative Alex MacWilliam of Vero Beach and Mr. Harry Damerow, City Engineer of Vero Beach, were present at the meeting and discussed their problems informally.

MARION COUNTY

Attending the meeting representing Marion County were Mr. R. W. Oxner, County Commissioner from Ocklawaha; Mr. Waldo Priest, County Commissioner from Ft. McCoy, and Mr. A. B. Folks, County Commissioner from Ocala.

In behalf of their Board the above Members extended an invitation for the Road Board to hold a meeting in Marion County.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

The following delegation was present from Palm Beach County: Representative John Bollinger, Representative B. Elliott, County Commissioner A. A. Poston, County Commissioner Lake Lytal, County Commissioner Paul Rardin, County Attorney Harry A. Johnston, Harold Rotheim, Civic Club of Riviera, and Fox Griffin, City Commissioner of Riviera.

County Commissioner Poston thanked the Board and expressed appreciation for what has been done.

County Commissioner Rardin requested the road between Pahokee and Belle Glade, stating a road was needed in this particular section. Mr. Rardin, in speaking of stabilizing the muck in the Everglades area stated they had some plans and would like to present them along with something definite at the next meeting of the Board. He expressed the hope of putting down experimental sections of this.

County Commissioner Lytal extended an invitation to the Board to meet in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Fultz advised the Board that a year has now elapsed since the Department's resolution requiring 100 foot right of way in the north end of Palm Beach County on Road 4 and the county advises that it is impossible to secure this right of way.

Mr. A. A. Poston advised that the county could get 80 feet right of way without too much cost or complications through this section and requested the Board to accept the 80 feet.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby amends its resolution of October 29, 1945, passed at a meeting held in Ocala, requiring 100 foot right of way on U. S. Highway No. 1 in the north end of Palm Beach County, and now makes demands on the county as follows: a right of way 80 feet in width from the north city limits of West Palm Beach to the north city limits of Lake Park, and 100 feet in width north of there, provided this meets with the approval of the Public Roads Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county be given 90 days from the date they receive the

right of way map from this Department, in which to acquire this right of way.

PASCO AND SUMTER COUNTIES

Senator J. C. Getzen, Representative C. M. Brown, Mr. J. A. Traylor, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, and James West, County Attorney, of Sumter County, made up the delegation.

Senator Getzen thanked the Department for what has been done and for what they are now doing. He advised that all of the right of way on the road from Bushnell south has been secured except one borrow pit and they would have this by the 18th of August. He requested consideration of Road 22 from Floral City to Bushnell. In behalf of Pasco County, he stated Representative George C. Dayton was supposed to be with the delegation but was unable to come. He thanked the Board for what has been done in Pasco County.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

Representative W. J. Hendry expressed his appreciation to the Board for what has been done, stating he believed their needs have been pretty well taken care of. He thanked the Board for the work on Road 29 to the river and also Taylor Creek Bridge. He requested that a traffic light be placed at the railroad crossing in the City of Okeechobee.

ST. JOHNS AND PUTNAM COUNTIES

The delegations from these counties were as follows: St. Johns: County Commissioners H. K. Jackson, John L. Smith and G. R. Wiles; Messrs. Herbert W. Wilson, Robert Middleton, Fred Meixner, Harold Pomar, J. L. Freeman, W. F. Rolleston, Wayman Parker and G. W. Leonard, Jr.; Putnam: Messrs. W. L. Wolfenden, City Commissioner of Palatka; Ed. Kummer, A. L. Teaff, Arthur Ginn, Jr., Archie Neck, Raymond Smith and J. G. Spencer.

County Commissioner Jackson spoke in behalf of Road 14-A, saying it could not be traveled in dry weather or in wet weather. He pointed out that the island was rapidly developing and something should be done to this road. He further requested that something be done to the road leading from Road 140 to the bridge as this would give another way off the island should something happen to the bridge. In this connection, he advised that the county has deeded to the Department the necessary pits to stabilize this road.

Mr. Ginn, speaking in connection with the road from Palatka to St. Augustine, requested the section from Spuds on through, stating this would cut out the need of trying to keep up the old road which is one of the worst in the state.

Mr. Meixner stated the Postal authorities will not deliver mail over Road 14-A as it is in such bad shape, and he believed this road would do the county more good than any other road.

Mr. Teaff advised the Board that Road 14-A was put on the first Preferential System in 1928.

Mr. W. F. Rolleston stated that Road 14-A would be a direct route from Silver Springs to Marine Studios.

Practically every member of this delegation expressed an interest in Road 14-A and requested consideration of the Board in getting something done on it.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County extended an invitation for the Board to hold one of its meetings in St. Augustine.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Section 7712, Road 398

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Seminole County Commissioners be notified that, effective immediately, they are to maintain the above section of road in Seminole County. However, the Department is willing to consider a petition that this section be

taken over for maintenance by the Department at some later date when the Department may extend its State Maintained System.

SUWANNEE COUNTY

At this point, the Florida State Improvement Commission was again invited to sit in with the Board. Those present from Suwannee County were as follows: Senator G. Warren Sanchez, Messrs. LaVaughn Sessions, Chairman Board of County Commissioners; J. L. McMullen, Clerk of the Circuit Court; W. R. Slaughter, Attorney; County Commissioners Bill McLeod, President, Junior Chamber of Commerce of Live Oak, and Colonel Louie Wadsworth, Publisher, Suwannee County Democrat.

Senator Sanchez requested the construction of two roads: (1) State Road 92 from Day through Dowling Park across to Road No. 69, and (2) Road 122 from Live Oak to White Springs. He filed resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners pledging the 80% surplus gas tax for the next 10 years to repay certificates issued by the State Improvement Commission for the building of these projects. He estimated about one-half million dollars would accrue from the 80% surplus gas tax during the next 10 years and both prospects would cost about one-quarter million dollars. He stressed the importance of these roads as farm to market roads and that their county was a farming county. He advised that the whole county was in accord in wanting these two roads.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Suwannee County has shown to the satisfaction of this Board a great need for the hard surfacing of State Road No. 92 from Day through Dowling Park to its intersection with State Highway No. 69, and State Road No. 122 from Live Oak to White Springs, and

WHEREAS, because of lack of sufficient funds, Suwannee County urgently requests the State Road Department to enter into an agreement with it and the Florida State Improvement Commission whereby the necessary funds can be procured and the desired improvements made on said roads at the earliest possible date, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to cooperate and be of every possible assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the plan of financing and constructing State Road No. 92 from Day through Dowling Park to its intersection with State Highway No. 69, and State Road No. 122 from Live Oak to White Springs, as set forth in the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, adopted at a special meeting called for this purpose on the 3rd day of August, 1946, reading as follows:

RESOLUTION OF BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, and other Suwannee County public officials, a state of emergency exists in Suwannee County with reference to the county's need for additional paved Farm-to-Market Secondary Roads; the two most important at this time being STATE ROAD NO. 122, from Live Oak to White Springs, and STATE ROAD NO. 92, from Day, Florida, through Dowling Park, to its intersection with State Highway No. 69, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners deem it advisable and expedient to request immediate paving of the two roads in question, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners

are of the opinion that said roads can be immediately constructed by the FLORIDA STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT, with the cooperation of the FLORIDA STATE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION and the FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION in a manner hereinafter proposed, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners are desirous that the above named state agencies assist Suwannee County in such a manner:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the State Improvement Commission be, and is hereby requested to take immediate steps to finance the construction of State Road No. 122, from Live Oak to White Springs, and State Road No. 92, from Day, Florida, to its intersection with State Highway No. 69, through Dowling Park, Florida, by issuing its notes or debentures payable annually in 10 equal installments for the estimated construction costs of said roads, and by the Improvement Commission requesting that the State Road Department enter into a lease-purchase agreement covering the state roads above mentioned with the Improvement Commission, when the said roads are completed, and the Road Department to pay the lease-purchase payments out of funds hereinafter specified; and that the State Board of Administration approve the financing arrangements made by the Improvement Commission for the construction of said roads by the State Road Department, and for the lease-purchase of said roads from the said Improvement Commission by the State Road Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Road Department be and is hereby requested to, in the behalf of the Improvement Commission, perform all of the necessary engineering work, let all of the contracts and supervise all of the construction of the said roads; and that upon the completion of the same that the Road Department be requested to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the Improvement Commission, covering the two roads in question, in which agreement the Road Department will agree to pay to the Improvement Commission, a total amount equal to all costs and expenses incurred by the Improvement Commission in connection with the construction of the said roads;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the 80% surplus gasoline tax revenues accruing to Suwannee County, Florida and hereafter remitted to the State Road Department by the State Board of Administration, shall be used by the State Road Department for the purpose of meeting requirements of lease-purchase payments on said lease-purchase agreement with the State Improve-

ment Commission for said roads, until the cost of said roads have been paid in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Committee be appointed to present this Resolution to the Members of the State Improvement Commission, and the State Road Department at their joint meeting to be held on Monday, August 5, 1946, in Jacksonville, Florida; and that the Committee be authorized to state that it is the earnest desire of the County Commissioners of Suwannee County that the proposal covered by this Resolution be accepted by the State Road Department, State Improvement Commission and State Board of Administration, and that they be further requested to promptly and expeditiously proceed in every way necessary in the event this proposal is accepted by said parties, to the end that the results desired, namely: the immediate construction of State Highway No. 122, and State High-

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way No. 92 be obtained at the earliest practical time, and that the indebtedness incurred for the construction of said roads be liquidated in strict accordance with this agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, at a Special Meeting called for this purpose, this 3rd day of August, 1946.

L. A. Sessions, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Suwannee County, Florida.

ATTEST:

J. C. McMullen, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary, for and on behalf of the Department, be authorized to execute the proper agreement and, in addition, all necessary papers incident thereto and also initiate the proper arrangements with the Florida State Improvement Commission to carry out the objectives and purposes of said resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby agrees to accept these two roads as a part of the designated system of the State Road Department.

Senator Sanchez also spoke in behalf of Houston Street in the City of Live Oak, requesting that this street be paved to give a direct route to the Live Stock and Tobacco Markets without going through the City. The Senator advised that

the Department was requiring a 100 foot right of way on this street and that this amount could be obtained only on about one-third of the project. He stated they were without funds to condemn or move the houses along this street, and requested this 100 foot requirement be waived on this particular project to an 80 foot right of way, with 50 feet on one side and 30 feet on the other. He made a further request that the paving be a little wider by the school house in order that school buses may be given a special parking space and get them off the city street. (The Chairman requested them to try one more time to get the 100 foot right of way).

TAYLOR COUNTY

Mr. Thos. A. Leonard, Secretary of the Taylor County Chamber of Commerce, was present from Taylor County.

Mr. Leonard stated that Road 500 has been cut off since Thursday night by high water and now he has a phone call that Road 5-A has been cut off. This situation, he advised, isolates Taylor County, and the County Commissioners are very much upset about it. Saw milling and farming in the county have been curtailed and the County Commissioners have asked that the State Road Department Board meet with them to try and work out some long range plan to prevent this recurring. He stated the bridges were inadequate on Road 5-A and the road itself was in bad shape and needs rebuilding. He further advised that about 500 feet of Road 69 has been washed out.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board resolved that the Department's engineers be instructed to immediately increase their efforts to relieve the drainage problem on Roads 500, 69 and 5-A, in and leading to Taylor County, and after the necessary steps are taken for temporary relief, to continue their investigations so that it may be determined what will be needed for permanent control of the flood waters in this area as they affect the roads in question.

UNION COUNTY

Farm to Market Road

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Department is in receipt of a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Union County requesting that the first farm to market road to be hard surfaced in said county be the farm to market road which commences at a point about one mile north of Worthington Springs at the intersection of State Road No. 49 and the section line dividing sections 20 and 29 in Township 6 South, Range 19 East, and thence run West about 5 miles to intersect with State Road formerly numbered 486, and thence run North on said State Road No. 486 until the same intersects with State Road No. 56.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Department does hereby grant the request of the Board of County Commissioners of Union County and that the above described road be the first farm to market road to be hard surfaced in said county.

DISCLAIMER OF TITLE TO ABANDONED RIGHT OF WAY, STATE ROAD 4-A—

MONROE COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Chairman and Secretary of the Department were authorized to execute Dis-

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claimers of old abandoned right of way of State Road 4-A through Government Lot 1 of Section 1, Township 28 South, Range 25 East of Tallahassee Meridian on the Island of Boca Chica in conjunction with Monroe County, to Julius F. Stone, Jr.

BEE LINE HIGHWAY

The following delegation appeared before the Board in behalf of the Bee Line Highway: Lake H. Lytal, County Commissioner, Palm Beach County; A. A. Poston, County Commissioner, Palm Beach County; J. G. Waite, Tampa, Representative, Greyhound Lines; W. H. Shafer, Tampa, Vice President, Bee Line Association; M. W. Woolsey, Lakeland, President, Bee Line Association; and T. B. O'Steen, Jacksonville, Representative, Greyhound Lines.

Mr. Lytal requested that a survey of the Bee Line Highway be made in order that the counties can proceed with acquiring the right of way. He especially requested the survey from Sebring to Okeechobee.

LUNCHEON MEETING WITH JACKSONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY AND DUVAL COUNTY OFFICIALS

Mr. Brown Whatley, President of the Roads Committee of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, presided.

County Commissioner W. Howard Belote expressed appreciation for what the Board is doing in Duval County. He pointed out that WPA spent \$542,000 on drainage and right of way for the Hogan Road; the State Road Department has spent \$966,000, and \$61,000 has been spent by Duval County on right of way and probably another \$10,000 will be required for right of way. He requested the Department to match, with regular state funds, any 80% surplus funds accruing to the credit of Duval County which may be spent on this road in the future.

Mr. Guernsey stated that approximately one million dollars would be involved which would be one-half million county surplus funds and one-half million by the State Road Department.

County Commissioner Tom Marshall brought up the Heckscher Drive project, stating this was one of the most used roads in the county. He advised that the Board of County Commissioners has certified to the State Road Department that this road should have first attention in the Federal Aid Program on Secondary Roads. This road, he stated, was their number 1 project.

Mr. Guernsey, speaking of the Heckscher Drive, stated that the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County has definitely gone on record as favoring this road as the No. 1 project on the Federal Aid Secondary System. He stated that he believed the Department would start construction on the two bridges on the other end of Heckscher Drive during 1946.

Chairman Bayless advised that the present plan is to follow the existing location of this road but, as far as the bridges are concerned, War Department approval would have to be secured on these. He pointed out that the bridges on timber piles with concrete deck would cost approximately eight hundred thousand dollars, and on concrete piles, one million dollars. He further stated that it was the hope of the Department to start work on two of the bridges before the end of the year.

City Commissioner T. C. Imeson requested some relief on Hendricks Avenue as it was a very dangerous street which has caused accidents.

The Board reconvened at the Roosevelt Hotel for afternoon session.

HOGAN ROAD

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board agreed to match with regular State Funds any 80% surplus gas tax funds accruing to the credit of Duval County which may be spent on the construction of Hogan Road in the future.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATIONS

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legal Department be requested to study the specifications of the Department and amend same in order to protect the Department against damage to any county road by contractors hauling materials and heavy equipment over said road during the construction of State projects.

OVERSEAS ROAD AND TOLL BRIDGE BUDGET

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board approved the item of \$2,000 to the Board of Administration in the budget of the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District covering handling charge of their bonds by that agency.

AUTHORITY TO OVERSEAS ROAD AND TOLL BRIDGE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE DEED TO STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board authorized the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District to execute a deed to the State Road Department covering property on Lower Matecumbe Key for use by the Department as right of way described as follows:

That part of the 400-foot right of way of State Road No. 4-A (formerly the old Florida

East Coast Railway Company right of way) which lies west of and adjacent to the original shore line of Lower Matecumbe Key in Section 29, Township 64 South, Range 38 East, extending westerly from said original shore line a distance of 152 feet, when measured along the centerline of said old Florida East Coast Railway.

TITLE TO CERTAIN LAND OF OVERSEAS ROAD AND TOLL BRIDGE DISTRICT CONVEYED TO BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF MONROE COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the Board authorized that title be conveyed to Board of Public Instruction of Monroe County covering lands on which Marathon Public School will be located, in lieu of lease agreement previously executed.

EXTENSION OF R. B. TYLER CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the Board authorized an extension of R. B. Tyler's present contract to include resurfacing of Olive Avenue from State Road 25 to Belvedere Road in the City of West Palm Beach, a distance of approximately one mile, with the understanding that the County of Palm Beach, upon the completion of said work, will reimburse the Department for the actual cost of same.

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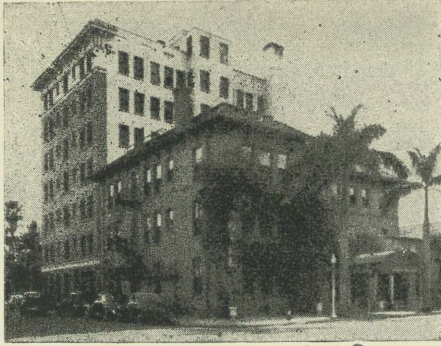
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LEASE OF PIGEON KEY

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that if and when the Department wants to go into the matter of leasing Pigeon Key that it will be advertised for competitive bidding, with certain rules and regulations set up, including a suitable capital investment by the lessor to insure a proper installation, and that it will not now consider less than \$5,000 a year rental to the Department.

NEW STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING

The Chairman presented to the Board Members a sketch showing the location of the proposed new State Road Department Building and its relation to the Capitol Center Program.

PROPERTY NORTH OF BAHIA HONDA BRIDGE

In considering the leasing of the property immediately north of the Bahia Honda Bridge, the Board decided that this should be advertised for competitive bidding, at a time to be determined later, with certain rules and regulations set up, among them being that bids would be received on parcels of not less than 200 feet, or on the entire plat.

INVITATIONS

Mr. Fultz filed with the Board an invitation from the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County to hold the next meeting of the Department in that county.

The Chairman advised the Board of an invitation from the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to hold its next meeting in Pensacola at which

time that organization would like to entertain those in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet again in Tallahassee on September 16, 1946.

IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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not only served the purpose of controlling traffic but of shading the cop as well. A three-cell auto battery operated the lights—red and green bulbs about the size of Christmas tree lights—and a bell which rang for caution. Lotsey says New Orleans and then New York were the next cities to install traffic lights.

The little red cedar school house in St. Augustine, built during the first Spanish period as the first wooden hall of learning in the United States is reported to have been the first co-educational institution.

Sam Farber of Tampa is finally convinced that his wife, Nechama, who left him in 1929, doesn't intend to return and has filed a divorce action against her.

Two honeymooning St. Petersburg sailors on leave from the navy, their wives and a friend, took a busman's holiday outing in a fishing boat borrowed from Gulfport without permission and collected a trail of deputy sheriffs, a coast guard plane, crash boat and rearming barge before they were gathered in on a recent night.

Miami and Jacksonville are happy hunting grounds for cupid according to the book, "How to Pick a Mate," written by Dr. Clifford R. Adams of Pennsylvania State College and Vance Packard, American Magazine staff writer. Miami is fourth best and Jacksonville nineteenth in the United States for matrimonially inclined women from 25 to 30 years of age.

Buck Duval of Tallahassee has probably been down many times, but you can never count him out. Stricken by the dreaded polio germ when a boy of six, he has lost the use of both legs and his hearing has been impaired, but he completed one year of college, ran a grocery store until it proved too much of a physical strain, worked in an aircraft factory during the war and now has a thriving watch-repairing shop.

An Air Force veteran of Tampa,

Leonard Little, has proved that loss of a leg doesn't keep him from flying the conventional type of private aircraft. He is learning to fly all over again under the GI Bill and has already piled up five hours of solo flight.

Leopold Ackerman, II, recently discharged from the AAF, and his bride of Boston stopped in Tallahassee on their 13,000-mile honeymoon trip, during which they planned to visit the capitols of every state in the nation.

The Jacksonville Journal has no idea whether T/5 Lamar V. Pierce, temporarily of Osaka, Japan, has overpaid or underpaid for his subscription. Finding himself short of American money, Pierce mailed military currency that totals 32 yen, 50 sen, and asked the Journal to get in touch with his wife in Jacksonville if there was any discrepancy between his remittance and his bill, but the Army Finance Office in Jacksonville has closed and none of the local banks have any quotation on the Japanese yen.

Kay Bramlitt, secretary of the OPA's public relations division in Miami, and a former Wave, is better than perfect in more ways than one. On the day she received word from the Civil Service offices in Atlanta that she had passed the stenographic examination with a grade of 102.95 per cent, she received word from the CAB that she had been licensed as an airplane pilot. The better than perfect work resulted from her credit as a veteran.

The three-room bungalow that George A. Sawyer of St. Petersburg, former technical sergeant with the army signal corps, built in eight months, could not be surpassed by the house that Jack built in the eyes of his Australian bride and three-year-old son.

The story of another St. Petersburg veteran, twenty-year-old R. E. Rahn, former paratrooper: When Rahn returned home with his wife who was soon to have a baby and couldn't rent a home for a price he could pay where children were allowed, he converted a garage into a temporary three-room home and plumbing and electrical wiring were approved by city inspectors. He was then told he would have to get a permit to live in the home since the original permit had been issued for a garage, but the permit was re-

fused and his electricity turned off, even though he, his teen-age wife and 12-day-old daughter have no other place to live.

Bill and Helen Shelton of Miami have solved their housing problem by buying a 30-foot cabin cruiser, the "Caravel," and living in it. Bill, a former army pilot, is attending the University of Miami and writing a novel, "North to the Cannon,"

while Helen is pounding out short stories.

A Miami policeman is really in a tough spot. Recently evicted from his rented home when a GI bought it, he has not been able to find a city landlord who will have him as a tenant because he has a child and municipal regulations frown on homes he could find beyond city limits for civil service employees.

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Another policeman, Sgt. H. L. (Slim) Conyers of Palm Beach, is considering abandoning pension rights which can become effective in four years because he can't find a place to live that he can afford where they will take his two children. He has a relative in another city who will provide a home for him, but he hates to give up his eleven years seniority on the police force. Dry Polk County had liquor to sell last month—354 cases of bonded whiskey. The whiskey was seized two years ago and the money received for it will go into the county's fine and forfeiture fund.

A scantily clad barefoot youngster of 18, brought before U. S. Commissioner Carl Noble, Jacksonville, for a hearing on charge of illegal distilling of whiskey, was given a good shirt and other items of clothing,

including a pair of shoes which proved too small. Officials were disappointed when the shoes didn't fit, but the boy, relieved, said: "I'm in enough trouble without having on shoes. Suppose I get the foot itch?"

Judge Himes of Tampa still doesn't how to saw a woman in half, but a woman's loyalty to her magician employer apparently paid dividends because she was sentenced to only fifteen days in jail when the usual sentence for drunkenness is thirty days. Estelle Woodard said she was employed part time by a carnival magician who had the act about sawing the woman in half, and Judge Himes asked how this act was done, but Estelle wouldn't give away a professional secret.

West Palm Beach police on a recent evening were looking for a man who smoked dollar bills.

An elderly Orlando woman who drew a 20-day sentence for drunkenness was apparently pleased about the whole thing. She said, "That suits me fine; I needed a rest any way."

Many passengers alighting from trains at the Miami FEC Railway station are enchanted by melodies which seem to float down from the sky. The singing is not a part of Miami's official welcoming program. It comes from the city and county jails on top floors of the Dade county courthouse a block away, where prisoners crowd about the barred windows and sing most of the day.

In January of 1945 St. Petersburg police asked Tampa police to be on the lookout for a stolen sedan owned

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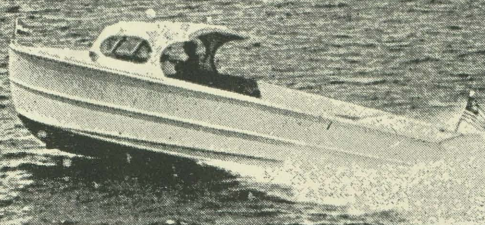
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by Allie B. Winters. On a recent routine check of garages, the sedan was found in a garage just around the corner from Tampa police headquarters, where it had been left the day it was stolen. When Mr. Winters called for his car, he was presented with a bill in the amount of \$135. He refused to pay, said he would replevin the car and let the garage sue.

Manuel Ayo raced his car through Tampa streets without receiving a ticket for speeding. Instead he received police blessings. He arrived at the scene of a filling station hold-up as the thief was pulling away, jotted down the license number of the car and delivered it to Desk Sergeant Locke in a rush.

B. B. White of Miami is looking for a fishing companion who left him marooned on Burlingame Island for 22 hours with only mosquitoes for company. White was fishing along the banks of Miami River when a stranger told him of better fishing grounds, saying he had a row boat and would be glad to take him to them. When they reached the island, White left his fishing tackle in the boat and went exploring. On his return, he found the stranger, boat and fishing tackle gone.

Allapattah Transfer Company, also of Miami, are wondering what use burglars would make of an immense steel cabinet weighing more than 1,000 pounds and valued at \$7,500, which was stolen from their office. The cabinet contained valuable records, checks worth \$300 and more than \$250 in cash.

An Apalachicola youth, not yet 18, lost in the night skies above Quincy in a stolen plane, the first he had ever taken aloft alone, made his first landing a safe one at the unlighted Quincy airport with two gallons of gasoline left.

Ernest W. Witkosky, 20, of Miami was sentenced to 90 days in jail for deliberately hitting a pedestrian with his car. He drove up on the

sidewalk, knocking Claude B. Mills down, then got out of the car, struck Mills with his fist, reentered his car and drove away. Mills said he had never seen Witkosky before the incident.

Postal inspectors are investigating a fire which damaged 51 letters in a West Palm Beach mail box. A number of burnt match sticks were found in the mail receptacle at the bottom of the chute and a cotton pad was blazing in the bottom of the mail box when it was opened.

David Patterson, 22-year-old Lake Wales negro, wanted for the murder of Annie Lee Johnson, was apprehended shortly after he jumped in terror from a train he had boarded in Lakeland when he saw the coffin of his victim, surrounded by relatives, waiting to board the same train in Haines City.

We envy the feeling of prosperity indicated by the colored Longwood ploughman, who did \$45 worth of work for an Orlando man on May 13 and didn't call for his check until August 3.

The Concrete Products Company lost a \$26,000 Tallahassee sidewalk paving contract because of an error in calculation of \$3,000.

The house of Charles Walsh, North Miami artist is no longer haunted. Two monkey-faced owls were discovered where they had fallen down the chimney and were slapping their wings against the fireplace screen.

The proud owners of a baby wildcat, caught near Lykes' Cove, are Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Leaphart of Sebring.

The Tropical Hobbyland, which

operates a pheasant hatchery in Miami, needs the wisdom of Solomon. If the pheasants on hand, numbering nearly 3,000, aren't moved out of the city or slaughtered, the city will prosecute for violation of the chicken ordinance. If they are slaughtered, the state will prosecute for violation of wildlife conservation laws. And no one will buy them.

The Libby Realty Company complained to Miami police that a house closed for the summer had been entered and unknown persons were living there. Upon investigation, the culprit proved to be a woodpecker, which had apparently entered the house by pecking out glass in a door.

A 15-inch, 3-pound ear of corn was grown by Jack Crump, a Leon county negro, this year.

It's not exactly camellia weather, but a camellia tree owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Longmire of Jacksonville bloomed August 15.

You have heard of super salesmen, but the salesman who sold 40 snow plows to be used in Pinellas county orange groves must head the list. Seriously though the teeth of the snow plows are detachable and the machines are so constructed as to enable the operator to run them right up to tree trunks, walls, fences or other obstacles.

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COUNTY ACTIVITIES

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flooding such as menaced the entire celery and farming industries of that section following recent rains. M. C. Hagan, County Engineer, supervised the work.

Property owners in the Big Lake Fairview section of Orange County have asked County Commissioners for some action to terminate the nuisance caused by the practice of Club training planes equipped with pontoons. Signers of the petition allegedly stated that the activity of the plans was a menace to life and property.

Leon county commissioners have authorized an increase of \$50 a month in the amount it contributes toward operation of the Veterans Service center in Tallahassee. American Legion Commander Broward Williams appeared before the commission and pointed out increased problems coming before the center and the need for additional financing.

THE FLORIDA PRISON REPORT

If you hire a man to guard prisoners and pay him only \$40 a month, you get only \$40 worth of service, or possibly even less.

That, as we interpret it, is the crux of the very excellent federal report on Florida's prison system which has just been submitted at the request of Governor Caldwell.

The gist of the report is that Florida's prison system is a sadly inadequate system that is badly in need of being brought up to date, reconstructed in the light of modern penological practices now being followed by the federal government and by many states.

The report looks beyond punishment of a criminal. It pre-supposes that a prisoner will be duly punished, but it also takes cognizance of the fact that a vast percentage of prisoners eventually gain their freedom and therefore

need greatly to be rehabilitated as much as possible during their period of imprisonment.

L. F. Chapman, superintendent of the state prison farm, was on the carpet recently because a dozen prisoners escaped from the institution at Raiford. He quite properly refused to take the rap for Florida prison conditions generally, pointing out that his program is limited by the men and equipment the money allowed for the state prison system will obtain. He stressed especially the low pay allowed for guards and other personnel.

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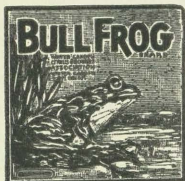
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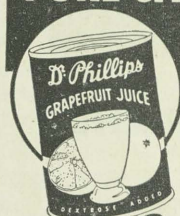
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OUR PENAL SYSTEM

Juvenile work camps and detention homes which contribute to delinquency, and help to develop young criminals are a vicious part of the penal system in various states, and Florida must bear its part of the blame in this connection.

The state has been operating a "boys camp," at Chattahoochee for young convicts, or juvenile delinquents, and it is evident from a report made by Federal Prison Director James V. Bennett that we are pushing boys down hill toward a life of crime and degradation.

According to facts brought out guards are ill-trained and ill-tempered, and unfit for telling the boys what to do because they don't know themselves.

The buildings are in poor physical condition, being dirty and ill-kept with inadequate sanitary facilities.

Boys of 14 to 20 are forced to do heavy work that would tax the strength of a strong man, with the working hours being from sun to sun. Certainly in the cases of teen-age boys some provision should be made for several hours of schooling each day.

There is a lack of proper entertainment, so when there is any leisure time,

the youngsters play cards and read sexy magazines.

Sometimes youngsters are beaten indiscriminately. For instance, six were beaten one day for being inexperienced and lagging behind older and more adaptable fellows in hoeing corn.

Picked convicts, older and hardened men, sometimes are used as "pushers" or assistant walking bosses. When this is the case the "pusher" usually doesn't know how to use his authority in any way but through brutality. He contributes to the beating of the boys, because he figures he can get by with it.

Yes, this is America and Florida. It's not Nazi Germany or any other foreign country at which we may look disdainfully from time to time, scorning their customs and bragging meantime that the American system is above reproach.

We have what the St. Petersburg Independent calls a "brutal and medieval penal system."

The board of commissioners of state institutions is directly accountable for the operation of the prison system. The members of the board are Governor Caldwell, Secretary of State Gray, Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo, Superintendent of Education English, Comptroller Lee, and Attorney General Watson.

There seems to be plenty of money with which we could do much-needed work on antiquated state institutions, which are inadequate, over-crowded and under-staffed, to say the least.

The St. Petersburg Independent says:

"The citizens of Florida will watch with considerable interest for whatever action this board takes, or does not take, in adopting the various recommendations advocated in the Bennett report. They will also note whether the Tallahassee politicians are more anxious to expend funds from the bulging Florida state treasury on such items as beautification of the administrative plant in the state's capital than they are to expend funds on improvement of our brutal and medieval penal system.

"At present, it would appear that this system guarantees the transformation of an erring youth into a hardened criminal and permanent enemy of society. The present system certainly makes no effort to rehabilitate its inmates, and to help them grow into useful, self-respecting members of Florida communities.

"The citizens of Florida must not stand by in silent indifference if the Bennett report is filed and forgotten by politicians who, naturally enough, prefer to regard the sunny things in life."

—St. Augustine Record.

AT THE STATE HOSPITAL

Improvement too long delayed is about to be realized at the state mental hospital at Chattahoochee, with salary increases totaling \$100,000 authorized by the cabinet and a building program about to get under way.

The salary increases will not figure greatly in improvement, since they will simply be following the increase in the cost of living, but the increases authorized constitute a step in the right direction. Some day, perhaps, Florida will offer enough pay to attract more competent help at the state institution.

Worth considering is the suggestion by a resident of West Palm Beach that the state hospital be given an objective survey comparable to the one recently given to the state prison system by federal prison representatives.

Dr. J. H. Therrell is a thoroughly competent superintendent who has given the hospital excellent management, but meager appropriations have kept him at a too great disadvantage. The people under care at Chattahoochee are sick people who should not be packed into inadequate quarters and placed under the care of incompetent help. Many of the patients received there could be cured under more scientific treatment. Herded together and treated as a group, many of the nervously ill become worse.

Dr. Therrell knows exactly what ought to be done. He is a man widely known for integrity and ability that would bring greater income to him in other fields. But he can improve conditions at the hospital only to the extent that the state is willing to pay for improvements.

"The Snake Pit," a current best-seller, turns the spotlight on deplorable conditions in mental hospitals. Florida, of course, is not the only state which needs to improve its hospital for the mentally ill. But the fact that other states have neglected their mental hospitals in no wise condones or justifies Florida's neglect.—Lakeland Ledger.

FISCAL RULING HOLDS PROMISE FOR FUTURE

The recent opinion of the Florida Supreme Court directing Comptroller J. M. Lee to transfer nearly \$4,000,000 into the state building fund was a welcome piece of news for the University of Florida and other state institutions and departments whose construction program is very far behind schedule because of the war. Not only does the decision mean that the \$4,000,000 will be available for expenditure as and when needed, but it opens the door to an expanded construction program

which has prospects of reaching at least \$15,000,000.

Insofar as the University is concerned the authorized projects now total about \$1,374,000 of which \$1,199,000 would be state money and the rest would come from other sources. These projects include the new gymnasium, the addition to the library and a classroom building.

As we have pointed out in the past, however, they constitute merely a start on the real building needs at the University. Dr. Tigert has recently said that a building program of \$10,000,000 would more nearly approximate the needs of the institution during the coming years. It is to be hoped, therefore, that in the \$15,000,000 state program, the University will continue to get a substantial share of the allocations.

One significant point in the Supreme Court opinion is that it does not apply merely to present funds on hand, but charts a course for the handling of money in the future. It means, in effect, that the Cabinet may determine at any time when surpluses exist in state monies which can be used to fulfill appropriations of future surplus funds. In the case of the building program, the legislature authorized a lot more constructions than specific appropriations could take care of. A number of the

projects were left dependent on future surpluses. The Supreme Court has now left it to the discretion of the cabinet to say when such surpluses may be used.

This means a lot in these days of lush tax collection. Surpluses are bound to pile up unless the economic trend takes a sharp turn downward or unless the legislature, itself, undergoes a decided change in its financial habits.

It is to be hoped that as many as possible of the buildings at the University will be constructed without delay. They are needed now for enlarged student bodies of the present and future.—Gainesville Sun.

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inspection fees collected by the Department and the City Administration Building was financed by the City of Tallahassee. Of the new buildings contemplated, the Road Department and Industrial Commission will put up departmental funds which, in the case of the Industrial Commission, will be largely revenue certificates to be liquidated from rentals collected from federal sources.

The general taxpayers of Florida have so far put into their Capital plant about \$1,500,000. When everything now contemplated has been built the general taxpayers of the entire State will have paid for State Capital plant since the organization of the Territory, much less than the taxpayers of Dade County alone invested in their new county court house.

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CALIFORNIA ON THE RUN

New alarms are going up from the citrus belts of California. Orange growers are complaining about "foreign competition"—by which they mean Florida competition. The Wall Street Journal notes that Californians think of Florida as another country. They forbid the importation of our citrus, blaming the embargo on "bug danger." Their real fear, however is that Florida can grow more and better oranges at a lower production cost.

During the war years, Florida brought into production about 45,000 acres of young orange trees. Texas brought in about 5,000 acres. The Californians also planted extensively, but the exact figure is a carefully guarded secret. The result is an annual production of about eight billion pounds of oranges a year—more by some two billions than the record wartime domestic consumption could absorb as fresh fruit. The difference went into canned citrus products—most of which was packed in Florida. The by-products business doesn't appeal to California, it seems. It costs them more than a cent a pound to raise oranges and during the last half of the 30's, they received only about \$8 a ton from the canneries.

Several basic conditions commit the California citrus industry to high-cost production. Irrigation out there costs about \$25 an acre for water in addition to \$20 an acre for labor. Normally Florida has no irrigation problem. Frosts force the Californians to put out a smudgepot for every tree, at \$2 each, and then pay about \$25 an acre each year for their operation. Frost is by no means as hazardous in Florida. Pest control costs the California citrus man about \$60 an acre while his Florida competitor gets by for half. Total accounting: \$250 per acre to raise oranges in California and not over \$100 an acre in Florida. On top of that, the best citrus land costs \$1,500 an acre in California; \$500 in Florida.

These figures prove rather conclusively that oranges just naturally grow better in Florida. No wonder the Californians, beset by a second crop of guava-sized fruit, are pessimistic. If the Florida citrus industry was organized as efficiently as the Sunkist combine, they could run their western competitors into the Pacific ocean.—Fort Myers News-Press.

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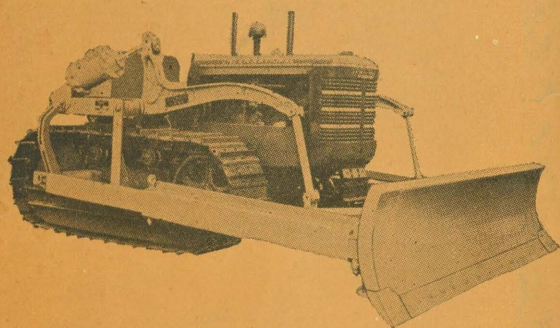
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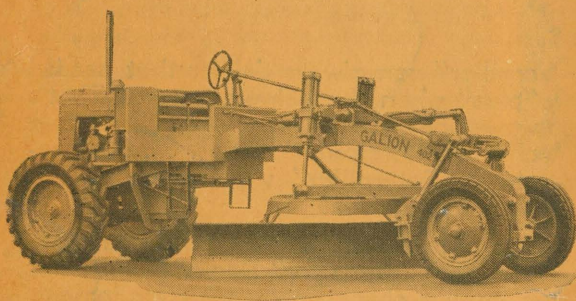
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